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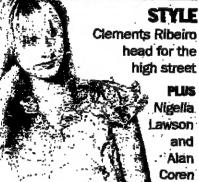
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## THIS WEEK IN HOgg buys Unionist vote with beef deal

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS HOGG will today amounce the first steps towards lifting the beef ban in Northern Ireland in a blatant bid to enlist support from the Ulster Unionists in tonight's censure vote.

The Minister of Agriculture will disclose that the Government is to submit a scheme to Brussels within the next two weeks which, if approved, would allow beef from certified herds throughout the UK to be sold in Europe. Northern Ireland, which has the fewest cases of BSE, would be the first

Ministers denied that any deals were being done. But with all parties claiming a full turnout for the vote on the handling of the BSE crisis, the nine Ulster Unionists with just one Tory rebel could determine the Government's fate.

If they sided with the Opposition the vote would be tied at 322, although the Speaker's casting vote, by convention, would be for If John Major is defeated, Tony

Blair would be under enormous pressure to hold a no-confidence vote which, if lost, could trigger a Ulster Unionists were keeping their cards close to their chest, insisting that they would press for further concessions.

Although it is now likely that they will abstain, one senior MP indicated that the submission of the scheme would not be enough. He called on Mr Hogg to make a special case for the province, rather than advocating a UK-wide scheme. "We would need to have assurances that once the scheme has been approved, Britain should press for the specific lifting of the

ban in Northern Ireland," he said. A spokesman for the Ministry of Agiculture, Fisheries and Food, said that Mr Hogg would not give these assurances today but reiterated that Northern Ireland would be the first to benefit.

All nine Ulster Unionist MPs are now expected to attend the debate but a decision on which way they would vote would be taken at anearlier meeting.

John Taylor, deputy leader, hinted that further concessions were in the pipeline but refused to be drawn on what they were. "Just as we got the fishing quotas extended, I'm reasonably confident that two further advantages for Northern Ireland will emerge," Mr Taylor said. "We are making progress on a number of fronts."

Several Unionist MPs are also angry that Labour failed to consult them about the timing of the vote

and argue that today's debate will stop Mr Hogg from attending a crucial meeting of the council of Agricultural ministers in Brussels.

I think the matter has not been handled well, and for that reason I think the Government probably will survive, but we will wait and see," said Ken Maginnis, UUP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone. "If anybody in either of the major parties believes that Ulster Unionists will be lobby fodder, then they've another think coming."

Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader, said he thought Labour had bungled its opportunity. Meanwhile, Labour began talk-ing the vote down, insisting that the parliamentary numbers were not stacked in their favour but they were anxious to get the issue

Mr Blair set the tone in the Express on Sunday: "We are confident that we will win the argument. Winning the vote will be more difficult. We will muster as much support as we can but are aware that for now, at least, the Government can probably scrape

retary, insisted that the Government had not bought off the Ulster Unionists with concessions. He said: "I have no idea how the

Ulster Unionists will vote." "We are working all the time on lifting the ban for the whole of the UK. We are fulfilling the conditions of the Florence agreement which we said we would fulfil. If there are any steps we can take along the way to get parts of that ban lifted we will do that as well."

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"I wish I was a Unionist — you get presents even when it's not Christmas"



## Girl, 13 killed after prowler alert

BY EMMA WILKINS

A CIRL was bludgeoned to death with a metal tent spike as she painted French windows in the garden of her home. Billie-Jo Jenkins, 13, died from massive head inju-ries in an attack which followed worries by her foster family about prowlers near their home in Hastings, east

Police were trying last night to identify a man with a scarred face who called on at least one house in the street minutes before the killing.

Billie-Jo's body was found by her foster father, Sion Jenkins, when he returned home from a shopping trip with his two eldest daug Lottie, ten, and Annie, 12. His wife Lois and the couple's younger daughters. Esther, nine and Maya, seven, were also out at the time of the

killing on Saturday afternoon. The awful scene that confronted Mr. Jenkins and his daughters is almost unimag-inable, said Det Superintend-ent Jeremy Paine of Sussex Police, who is leading the murder inquiry. "Billie-Jo had collapsed outside the rear doors and beside her was an 18-inch heavy metal tent spike. The paint brush was still beside her ... there is certainly a dangerous person out

There was no evidence of a sexual assault and police are keeping an open mind about a motive for the killing. It is understood that the tent spike was taken from a tool shed at the bottom of the Jenkins family garden which they had been clearing out.

Det Supt Paine appealed for anyone with information about prowlers seen in the area near the family's five Continued on page 2, col 3

## A-level question is used in degree course exam

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A DEGREE examination included a question from a nine-year-old Alevel paper, it emerged yesterday. highlighting fears that university standards are falling. The lecturer who set the examination for London Guildhall University admitted that he chose it because he did not think his students could cope with a greater level of difficulty.

George Walden, the former Higher Education Minister, said that some universities were in danger of turning into glorified sixth-form colleges unless vice-chancellors found a way of guaranteeing degree standards.

The Higher Education Quality Council said that the case added to its own fears that the universities' system of maintaining standards was breaking down. Last year the council, run by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals. admitted that degrees at the same grade from different universities

varied in standard. London Guildhall University, the former City of London Poly-technic, promised an urgent investigation into its computing examination at the centre of the row. The Times has learnt that among the

sell the Tote

Labour is drawing up plans to privatise the Tote, the state owned

betting business, in a move which could cost the racing industry \$13 million. It is thought that a sale could raise £500 million to spend

on health and education but Tony

Blair's office said yesterdaythat

the scheme was only under

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## Wannabe a hit for the Treasury Labour plans to

By QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK AND AUDREY MAGEE

BRITAIN'S balance of trade figures will be rosier next month, thanks not to pig non or Welsh lamb but the Spice Girls, the chirrupy pop group that yesterday confirmed its global appeal by reaching the top of the American Billboard singles chart with Wannahe.

The five, Mel B. Victoria, Geri, Emma and Mel C, also took the number six spot in the Billboard album chart. These rankings indi-cate earnings of tens of millions of dollars, with more to come.

Advance word of their success began to leak out towards the end of last week, when Virgin, the Spice Girls' London-based record label, did its sums and realised that it had sold more than 700,000

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copies of Wannabe, enough to topple the soulful Toni Braxion from the top slot.

America may have been slower than Britain to embrace the girls' charms, but in financial terms the US market is the most important in the world. By going to number one the group has outperformed the likes of Oasis and Blur, and has also proved itself more instantly saleable to the American public than were the Beatles.

Figures released by the British Phonographic Industry show that record sales grew by 6.1 per cent in the United Kingdom last year. allowing Britain to bask in the success of groups like Manic Street Preachers and Oasis. The music industry is now

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worth £2.5 billion a year, generating more money for the economy than shipbuilding or electronic components. The market for singles is now larger than at any time since 1982

Music has always generated wealth in Britain. At least 25 of the 1996 Sunday Times 500 top richest people in Britain are in pop music. including old-timers like Paul McCarmey and Phil Collins. But the money being talked about for the brash young things of the 1990s is astounding. The five members of the Spice Girls will earn £3 million each after their success in going to number one in America with their first record something the Beatles did not

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BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE Attorney-General is to consider whether the Daily Mail has committed contempt of court by naming five unconvicted men as the murderers of Stephen Lawrence. The announcement comes in response to former Master of the Rolls, Lord Donaldson, who said the newspaper had "without doubt" interfered with the course of justice by publishing pictures of the five on the front page on Friday.

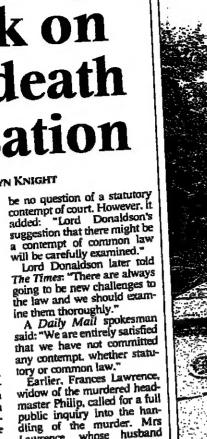
The newspaper challenged the five to sue if it was wrong. after a jury ruled the 18-yearold was unlawfully killed in Eltham, south-east London, in a "completely unprovoked racist attack by five white youths". Yesterday, in an interview on Radio 4's Mediumwave, Lord Donaldson called for the Anomey-General's intervention.

Contempt of court has nothing to do with being rude to judges or anything. It is interfering with the system of justice. That is what the Mail has done," he said. "I would hope that the Attorney-General would refer the matter to the courts at the earliest possible opportunity, in order that the courts may consider whether this is a gross contenupt."

A statement from the Attorney-General's office last night said that as there was no current court case, there could



Frances Lawrence:



Lawrence, whose husband

was killed in an unprovoked

anack, said on BBCl's Break-

fast With Frost: The murder

of Stephen Lawrence was the most terrible death which reached and shattered the very

core of society and humanity

itself. There should be a full-

Mrs Lawrence said "the

whole question of the right to

silence" should be re-exam-

ined after five witnesses re-

fused to answer questions at

the inquest, claiming privilege

In a letter to The Times

today, Ronald Thwaites QC,

who defended three of the

named men ar the Old Bailey

in 1996, pointed out that the

murder trial collapsed due to

lack of evidence, and that the judge ruled that identification

He accuses the Mail of

cynical exploitation" of Mr

Lawrence's murder, and says

that the acquitted men, all

evidence was unreliable.

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against self-incrimination.

scale public inquiry."

Police guard the path to the Jenkins' home in Hastings where Billie-Jo was killed

## Hunt for girl's murderer after seeing a man in Alexan-

Centinued from page I bedroom terraced house, which is opposite a park. The man with a scarred face called on at least one door in Lower Park Road, asking for accommodation. The man, who was white, about 5ft 10in tall with whispy fair hair, was carrying a Safeways plastic carrier bag with a stick of French bread.

unemployed, would not have "Whoever was responsible the means to sue even under for this vicious and evil attack must have been stained with blood and probably with Jonathan Caplan QC pointed white paint on their clothes as out that the apparent finality well," Det Supt Paine said. of a verdict has often been. Billie-Jo's foster father is the challenged in the past in deputy headmaster at William reverse, when newspapers have campaigned to rectify Parker Boys Comprehensive in Hastings. She had lived with the family since they alleged miscarriages of justice. moved from London to Has-

tings in 1993.

Billie-Jo's natural parents, who are separated, have been informed of her murder. Her mother is believed to live in Barking, while her father lives in Newham, east London.

Billie-Jo, who had a step brother, was a friendly girl who adored her pet dog Buster and a collection of goldfish. She was a happy pupil at Helenswood Comprehensive School for Girls in Hastings. to neighbours. Carol Crispin, who lives nearby, said: "She was very open and a bit of a leader - I think she was in the debating society at school."

In the weeks following Christmas, Mr Jenkins became worried about prowlers

dra Park, who appeared to be staring intently across the road at the family home. Just 12 days ago, Mr Jenkins disturbed a man who was prowling in the garden at

Last year, more than 1,000 local residents signed a peti-tion calling for better security in Alexandra Park, following reports of drug dealing and men "flashing" in the bushes. Friends of the girl yesterday

outside her home. They said Billie-Jo was a vivacious, bright youngster with an energy and passion for life. Sarah Hilbrig, 15, said: "If you were depressed, just looking at her would cheer you up."

## Portillo to back £12bn defence projects

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO defence programmes together worth £12 billion are xpecied to be approved before the general election.

An order for three advanced nuclear submarines and an agreement on the crucial next hase of the four-nation Eurofighter aircraft project are expected within a few weeks, according to defence sources. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, is hoping to sign an agreement with Germany, Italy and Spain for the production investment phase of the Eurofighter combat aircraft in late March or

early April. A decision by all partners to invest in the production line equipment should lift any remaining doubts about Eurolighter's future, the

ources said. It will commit British Aerospace, prime contractor in this country, to spending about 62 billion setting up the production lines for Eurofighter, leading to an expected RAF order next year for 232 aircraft worth at least £8 billion. The cost to taxpayers will be more than £15 billion, including

There is now growing confidence that, after initial doubts. the German Cabinet will approve the production investment phase next month and that its decision will be ratified by the Parliament in Bonn.

On current plans, Germany would buy 180 Eurofighters, Italy 120 and Spain 87. Each Eurofighter will cost about E35 million and the first ones will be in service by 2001 or 2002.

Agreement on Eurofighter and a 12 billion order for three Batch 2 Trafalgar class nuclear submarines from GEC-Marconi will give Mr Portillo political ammunition in the lead-up to the election.
The Eurofighter deal will provide 14,000 jobs at the peak of production, and the submarine contract will safeguard jobs at VSEL, the shipbuilding firm at Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria which was taken

over by GEC. Labour has always supported the Eurofighter programme, which is likely to remain untouched by its plans to review all aspects of defence spending if elected.

in both examinations, the question was one of three to be

answered in three hours, car-

rying the same marks for the

same technical questions.

However in the same time, the

A-level paper had another section of 12 shorter questions.

Mr Cadbury said his ques-tion paper had been passed by

the course's external examin-

er, a professor at the Univer-sity of Ulster. The external

## May 1 election 'officially' confirm

It's official: the general election will be on a officials in Northern Ireland. Patrick Brad. Province's Chief Electoral Officer, wrote to MPs last Province's Chief Electoral Officer, wrote to MPs labe to tell them where all the polling stations will be. At the of each sheet it said: "Parliamentary Election 1/5/97."

Last night Tory officials swiftly brushed aside the claim, blaming a claiming error by election officers. Joe Hendron, SDLP MP for West Belfast, said. "I feel that it is probably a gaffe by the electoral officers, but it is quite clear that they have been notified of the date."

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## Tories plan gun Bill rebellion

More than 50 Tory MPs are planning to vote against the More than 50 Tory MPs are planning to vote against the Government when ministers try to overturn in the Commons tomorrow the defeats suffered by the Firearms (Amendment) Bill in the House of Lords. The Government is, however, unlikely to lose the vote. The Bill, introduced after the Dunblane tragedy, would ban all handguns above 22 calibre. Labour is allowing its MPs a free vote, but most will join the Government in the division lobbics.

## North faces gale battering

Severe gale-force winds are predicted over northern England, Scotland and Northern Ireland today and tomorrow. The London Weather Centre said last night that tomorrow. The London Weather Centre said lass night that the winds could reach up to 60 mph in exposed places, causing possible damage to trees and buildings. A spokesman said: "Driving conditions could become hazardous and drivers should take extra care until Tuesday afternoon."

## **Embassy claims immunity**

The American Embassy in London has claimed state immunity to block a victimisation action, to be heard today, immunity to block a victimisation action, to be heard today, by a woman who was sacked from her job and sexually harassed. Mary Fogarty, 36, was awarded £12,000 by an industrial tribunal after she lost her embassy job as an administrative assistant when she complained about her administrative assistant when she complained about her boss making observe remarks and licking her ear. She has subsequently been rejected for seven posts at the embassy.

## Caesarean ruling challenged

A woman who had a Caesarean section against her wishes will lodge a ground-breaking challenge this week over courts' powers to approve surgery without the woman being legally represented. The woman, who does not wish to be identified, will tomorrow seek leave to bring a judicial review of the hospitals who detained her under the Mental Health Act 1963 and then obtained a court order to deliver her haby by Caesarean section. her baby by Caesarean section.

## IRA survivor suffers shock

The woman who narrowly escaped death as Lann Bombardier Stephen Restorick was shot by an IRA sniper Bombardier Stephen Restorick was shot by an IRA sniper in Bessbrook, Co Armagh, has cancelled an appearance on today's Richard and Judy television show after suffering delayed shock. The bullet grazed Lorraine McElroy, 35, above her left eye. Her husband Tony said that she was now under sedation but still hoped to attend the soldier's funeral and stay with his parents in Peterborough.

## NHS trust to be wound up

The first national health trust to go out of business is expected to close this autumn. Anglian Harbours NHS Trust, set up in 1991 in Great Yarmouth, has failed to win enough contracts from health authorities and GP fundholders. Its assets and services will be inherited by neighbouring trusts. There are likely to be 150 redundancies among the 1,600 employees. Two more national health trusts are predicted to fold this year.

## Sheep dip 'caused shooting'

A farmer serving 12 years in jail for attempted murder for shooting a labourer will this week plead to have his sentence set aside on the grounds that he was mentally unhinged by sheep-dip poisoning. The retrial of Robert Billings, in his early 60s, of Warninglid, West Sussex, was granted by Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice and starts tomorrow in Leves Crown Court Justice, and starts tomorrow in Lewes Crown Court

## Broadmoor porn inquiry

An inquiry has begun after the discovery of pornographic videos at Broadmoor psychiatric hospital in Berkshire. The tapes, believed to contain child pornography, were found less than a week after the Government ordered a judicial incoming the officered production against a Astronomy icial inquiry into alleged paedophile activity at Ashworth Hospital on Merseyside. A search for further pornographic material is continuing at Broadmoor.

#### Skier hurt in collision

A British businessman who works in Germany was injured when he collided with a party of Austrian skiers with no legs whose instructor lost control while strapped to a monoski. Anthony Dunstone, 52, from Haydon, Middlesex, suffered back injuries and damaged a kidney in the accident at the resort of Lachtal, southern Austria, on Saturday. His wife and young son were with him.

## Degree exam included nine-year-old A-level question Letters, page 19

Continued from page 1 three questions students had to answer was one from a 1988 computer science A-level examination.

Last month's examination was for second-year students who had completed part of a modular degree that counted towards the final grade. The students are at South Thames College in Wandsworth, south London, which reaches the degree's first two years under a franchise arrangement with the university.

Modular courses, where students construct a degree from a dozen or more pass-asyou-go units in a variety of subjects, have been crinicised for jeopardising standards. Critics say subjects cannot be covered in as great a depth.



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The questions were set by Jethro Cadbury, a lecturer at South Thames College. He the content [of A level] is being watered down every year. In the early Eighties there was said the A-level question came some heavy maths in the

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South Thames College degree students sat an A-level question set in 1988 by the Associated Examining Board sixth formers. "In my opinion. that has all gone. You will find quite a lot of degree papers test at about the standard of A level in the 1980s. If you took a

paper from the mid-Eighties. chance."

Board denied that A-level lot of second-year students standards had dropped, say-

they would not have a The Associated Examining

examiner system is used by all universities to keep a check on standards from year to year. Max Weaver, deputy pro-vost of London Guildhall, promised a swift investigation and denied A-level papers were routinely used to provide

degree questions.

and gave them an A-level from a period when there was computing A level but now "greater content" demanded of Set up a BT 0800 number for free before March 8th.

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THREE Britons were among twelve people sentenced in Cairo yesterday to prison sentences with hard labour for smuggling valuable Egyptian antiquities out of the country. Experts said the case had highlighted the continuing threat from art thieves to Pharaonic treasures despite a

series of security measures announced recently by Farouk Hosny, the Egyptian Minister of Culture. These relate mainly to the 114 poorly maintained warehouses where tens of thousands of ancient artefacts are stored, often without proper

inventories. The three Britons, who were sentenced in their absence, were given between 10 and 15 imprisonment with

hard labour. However, the ruling applies only if they re-enter Egypt, in which case they are liable to be immediately arrested.

Legal experts said it was unlikely that any of the men would return to serve their sentences. Conditions in Egyptian prisons are regarded as among the worst in the Middle East. The court was told that a 12-member ring had smuggled ancient artefacts out of Egypt over 18

Antiquities were sold abroad

Britons convicted

According to Egyptian officials, about 300 pieces stolen by the gang have so far been recovered. The officials claim it is difficult to maintain security on vast areas holding hundreds of temples and tombs, but they claim to be doing their best with the limited funds that are funds that are

At the weekend hearing, nine Egyptians, including five senior inspectors with the Supreme Council of Antiqui-ties and a tourist guide, were also sentenced to various prison terms with hard labour.

The trial opened last June.

Most of the stolen ancient objects involved in the scandal which shocked the art world despite the regularity with which art-theft rings dealing with Pharaonic treasures are uncovered — were later sold in Britain, Switzerland and America; particularly in New

serious questions about the lax fashion in which Egypt's heritage was guarded.
The two-storey museum was found to have no alarms on the hundreds of display es and no guards patrol-

ling the halls at night.

As a result, Abdel-Halim

Noureddin, the German-educated archaeologist who was
thairman of Egypt's Supreme

Council for Antiquities, was

York The Egyptian authorities are constantly on the aiert for efforts to smuggle elements

of the national heritage to rich collectors in the West: One Arab diplomat said there was an insatiable appetite for genuine Pharaonic artefacts

among a circle of rich private

The nine Egyptians convict

ed included former senior government antiquities in-

spectors, the manager of an

import-export firm, a taxi driv-

er and a sculptor.

They received sentences with hard labour ranging

from five to 15 years. In

addition, they were fined the equivalent of US\$150 (£92)

each. Three others were ac-

The severe lapses in security exposed by the trial were compounded last September

with the attempted theft of Tutankhamun's treasure from

among the 160,000 artefacts housed in the Egyptian Muse-um, Cairo, which again raised

quitted by the court:

collectors in the West.

The man who tried to steal Tutankhamun's treasures told police that he had been inspired by the 1966 romantic comedy How to Steal a Million, starring Audrey Hepburn as the daughter of an art forger who mistakenly in-volves a private detective in the robbery of a Paris art



The Egyptian Government has introduced new security measures to combat the theft of antiquities

#### Yorks in the pink as overdraft goes into the black week by the Duke of York. The Princesses, dressed in pink ski-suits and matching helmets and goggles, posed happily for photographs yester-day as they left their chalet at the start of their week they heart. The Drech ess was taking her first winter break since clearing her reported £4 million overdraft after a round of highly publicised personal and advertising THE Princesses Beatrice and Euge-nic took to the slopes of Verbier in Switzerland yesterday for a half-term left for the Continent only hours after arriving back in Britain from a trip to New York to raise money for homeskiing holiday with their mother. The Duchess of York and her daughters less Aids victims. One American bid appearances that were said to have £10,000 to have tea with the Duchess of their week-long break. The Duch-Your Clinique For Men Bonus

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## Nun's libel | Head lied about degrees and set

By GILLIAN BOWDERCH

AN AMERICAN nun who is suing the BBC for £250,000 over jokes on Radio 4's satirical show The News Quiz has

claim over

**BBC** show

won the first part of her action. Penny Prophit alleges that the show, presented by Barry Took on May 7 last year, falsely implied that she was a fraud, unchaste and a lesbian nun. In a written judgment, temporary judge Gordon Coutts, QC, said the case could go forward to a full hearing at the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

Mr Took is alleged to have said: This is Sister Penny Prophit, an unqualified Franciscan nun, who was given £850,000 in mursing research grants before being exposed as a fraud." Dr Prophit, who lives in Garvald, East Lothian, resigned as Professor of Nurs-ing Studies at Edinburgh

University in 1992.

Mr Courts said in his judg admitted of the following conduct in Mr Tooks' state of deception. ment, adding: "It seems to me. to be inescapable that the imputation of unchastity and homosexuality against the pursuer is plain."

James Taylor, solicitor-adwocate for the BBC, said The News Quiz was a humorous satirical programme. "No reasonable listener could have taken the dialogue complained of seriously," he said.

# goes ahead up fake law firm

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A PRIMARY school headmaster who lied about his qualifications deceived a Lancashire

village for three years.
Alistair Beeston, 36, enjoyed 2 £23,000-a-year pöst looking after 70 pupils at the village school in Nether Kellett But he had also set up a bogus law firm at the school, using the ruse to allow him to take expensive cars for test drives. His deceptions were discov-

ered only when the school's deputy head realised that he had changed the name of the payee on various cheques. After calling in the police, the school found that Beeston had a previous conviction for dishonesty and had faked his honours degree.
The full tale of his three-year

decention unfolded at Lancaster Crown Court on Friday, when Beeston was jailed for three months for fraud. He admitted obtaining £71,000 (his salary) from the school by deception, three cheque deceptions and using cars by

Beeston, from Croxieth. Everpool, was described as an infeligent and capable man who had taken over Nether Keller, school in 1991 after telling estration officals he had a master's degree in education and diplomas in teaching humanities, maths and science in fact, he had only a BEd, the bare teaching

qualification. Several months

after he took over, teachers became puzzled at phone calls asking to speak to a law firm bearing Beeston's name.

In fact, he had invented a firm called Beeston, Clark and Geenland, giving the school's address, to enable him to testdrive company cars by pretending he was trying them out for the firm. It was only when Sue Jobbins, then deputy head, noticed a cheque for a school trip had been altered by Beeston that her suspicions were fully roused.

Joyce Mace, chairman of governors at the school, said yesterday that everyone had been taken in. "When I found out, I was very angry and frustrated. He was appointed in good faith and he betrayed our trust, both as a head teacher and a friend."

Tony Marechal, a parent with four children at the school, said: "It was a real shock when it all came out. He was totally convincing. When we first moved to the area, we met him and he was full of enthusiasm and ideas. We came away thinking, What a good chap"."

Lancashire education authority said yesterday: "As a result of this we are checking job applicants' claims most thoroughly. We have been the victim of a comman who abused his position, but we have no reason to fear the chil-



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## Clean-living farmer steps up the pace a little at age of 107

BY TIM JONES

A MAN aged 107 was yesterday planning to drive a Land Rover around his 1,000- acre farm after being given a new lease of life by a heart

David Henderson is Scotland's oldest man, and runs his cereal farm from his nursing-home bedroom at Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire, from where he can see his crops grow. He has no plans to retire and attributes his longevity partly to hard work, abstinence from smoking, and a daily diet of

a full stemach: "I was told that by an unde who also lived to a ripe old age, and I have always stuck to it." He was born in 1889, when

the great Forth Railway Bridge was still being built. He remembers working during the First World War for the Earl of Kintore, and receiving instructions to increase production to help the

"In those days, strikes were a problem but we stopped them and got on with it. It is now rather ironic to think we produce far too much food which leads to huge surpluses." Farming he says, has

changed hugely since he began. "At one time, I cmplayed 15 or 16 men, but now there are only three or four," Mr Henderson and his

adopting orphaned animals. He admits that while maintaining an input into the daily running of the farm, he could not cope without the help of his nephew, Doug Cargill. ... In spite of his entry in the record books. Mr Henderson is not entirely happy. He said: "I can't understand why I am the oldest man in Scotland. It is not a very good

#### The American Association

## Resistance to HIV discovered in two infected men

after being infected by the Aids virus HIV are giving scientists clues that could lead to better treatments for the

The cases were described by Professor Miles Cloyd of the University of Texas at Galveston at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He believes that the ability to shrug off the infection documented in these two cases may explain why many haemophiliacs and intravenous drug-users remain free of HIV infection despite expo-sure to the virus. He has shown that the resistance is the result of a gene found in as

many as one in six people. However, protection is limired to one strain of HIV, not all varieties of the virus.

Well-documented cases of recovery are very rare, and several involve babies born to HIV-infected women in which there are doubts that the babies were ever really infected. Professor Cloyd says that his data is the strongest evidence yet in adults.

In one case, a man living with an HIV-positive partner was infected with HIV, which was demonstrated both by antibody tests and by detecting the viral genes using a sensitive technique called polymerase chain reaction

When he was tested again four months later he proved

SUPERTASTERS - people who are particularly sensitive

harming themselves by avoid-

A study at the University of

Michigan presented at the

conference has shown that

about a quarter of women fall

into that category, while

another quarter were nontasters, blind to bitter fla-

vours. Supertasters have more

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and have greater sensitivity to

pain and to the "mouth-feel" of

food. They find chili peppers

Dr Adam Drewnowski, di-

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ter compounds.

Trials have started in New York of a new cancer treatment, using highly de-structive alpha particles to kill tomour cells while leaving healthy tissue undam-aged. David Scheinberg, of the city's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre, said the alpha particles were carried direct to the cancer cells by being attached to purpose-built antibodies which homed in

on a protein found on the cell surface. In the first trials, up to 20 patients with leukaemia will be treated. Dr Scheinberg said the dose of radiation delivered was 50,000 times higher in the target cancer cells than it in surrounding healthy tissue. Results will take at least a year to be collected and if the trial is successful it will be extended to great er numbers of patients and

of infection. The immunesystem cells of these men were ested against the same strain of HIV in a test tube and found to be relatively resistant to

other types of cancer.

They could be infected, but only by large doses. Further experiments showed that the virus was entering the cells but was then unable to copy itself and its advance was

The results suggest that people possessing the newly found form of resistance block

Supertasters find good

health hard to swallow

programme at Michigan, said: Supertasters are highly

volunteers with a bitter lab-

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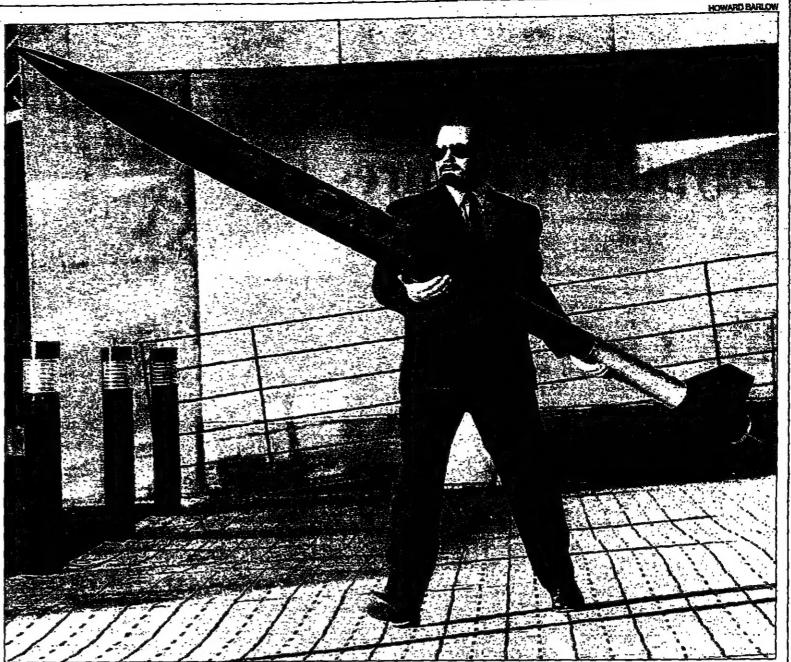
HIV at a step in the virus's life cycle called integration, when the virus inserts a DNA copy of its genetic blueprint into the host's genetic material, or when fresh viral ribonucleic acid (RNA) is made from the inserted DNA.

The process is quite differ-ent from that of another natural mechanism to block infection, reported last year. and appears to be twice as common in the population. When Professor Cloyd tested the ability of HIV to reproduce in immune cells taken from 50 healthy volunteers, he found that one in six were resistant.

He also found that the resistance was shared by different members of families in a way which showed that it was attributable to a gene. In families where one parent was susceptible and the other resistant to a particular HTV strain. children were like the father or the mother. In families where both parents were susceptible so were the children.

The strain of HIV used in the experiments and found in the two patients who recovered is one usually transmitted by blood transfusion or by sharing needles, not by sex.

"We can't say for certain whether this process accounts for real-life cases where some-one was exposed to HIV but didn't get sick, but I think it does," Professor Cloyd said "If we can figure out how these genes can stop infection or the make a drug that will mimic



## Thunderbirds are gone as the amateur rocketeer becomes an urbane spaceman

STEVEN BENNETT grew tired of being called a "backyard boffin" and "eccentric English inventor" in his efforts to launch his own spacecraft. Today he will test-fire the top section of his latest rocket with more serious

Mr Bennett. 32, now hopes to become a world leader in the growing business of putting commercial satellites into orbit. He said: "Now we are going to be more professional. It is

The space enthusiast admits that he was turned on to the subject 20 years ago by the TV puppet show Thunder-birds. His original ambition was to be the first amateur to put a rocket into space - technically, 50 miles up.

His Starchaser rockets, assembled in his garage in Duckinfield, Manchester, and powered by a fuel based on the old schoolboy explosives mixture of weedkiller and sugar, made him the butt of media jokes. One failed launch 15 months ago from a cow pasture in North Yorkshire brought the wry headline "Skipton, we have a problem."

A year ago, after the successful launch of Starchaser 2 from the Army's ranges at Otterburn, Northumberland, his race to beat teams from Australia and California seemed to have run out of energy. His sponsor, Tate and Lyle, pulled out, preferring the eccentric hairstyle of the chef Garry Rhodes to promote their sugar. Mr Bennett faced an end

Now he feels older but wiser: "We sat down and decided that enough



Inspiration: TV's Thunderbirds began Mr Bennett's quest. Now he is aiming to launch small satellites at half the going rate

such as computer guidance systems

and rocket propulsion. He said: The

foundation's aim is to inspire and

enrich the society and economy of our

nation by contributing towards a permanent British presence in space." People who join the founda-tion for £10 receive information and

Mr Bennett still hopes to be the first

amateur into space, but he wants

eventually to set up what he calls "a mini-NASA". He said: "Any of the big

state groups, like the European Space

Agency, can put a satellite the size of a

car into space, but there is no one really in a position to put up payloads

progress updates on the project.

was enough, no-one was going to take the mickey. Frankly, all that we did before was just publicity which has helped us get to the place we are

Today he has another sponsor, Pearson New Entertainment, which is using his rocket to promote the latest US-made sci-fi TV series Lext, due for release on video. Channel 5 and BSkyB later this year. He also has an £80,000 deal with Salford University, which runs its own space ciences course.

He now heads The Starchaser Foundation, with a team of 15 technical experts working on matters The cheapest anyone can do it today is around £500,000. We expect to be able to do it for at least half that.

tions or weather satellites.

able to do it cheaper Today's launch at Otterburn will test the on-board computer, but it is expected to set new records. It should be the first time an amateur rocket

experiments or private communica-

eaks the sound barrier and hi hopes it will reach a record altitude in excess of three miles, taking only 30 seconds to do it. Parachutes will bring it back to earth ten minutes later. a predicted nine miles downrange.

This spring, the full three-stage rocket Starchaser 3, now named the Lext, will be launched in Northumberland. At 22ft, it is only slightly taller than its predecessor, but its Il motors and new fuel make it ten times more powerful.

Mr Bennett reckons it will take just 79 seconds to set a new record at 15 miles high: "That will be the last one we can launch in this country. There we can patien in this country. There is just not enough room to bring it back down safely." He has been examining launch sites in Sweden and Kenya for his future space shots. His aim is to put a small satellite into Earth orbit in July 1999, to coincide with the 30th anniverary of the moon

It will broadcast a suitable radio message from whoever sponsors it a sort of celestial advertisement hoarding, he said. "It will show those who are interested that we

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sensitive to bitter taste and clude the isothiocyanates tend to reject bitter-tasting foods. Many anti-oxidant found in vegetables such as tant for cancer prevention are "People who are supertasters should be aware that either bitter or occur in bittertasting vegetables and fruit." After treating 400 women

some of their eating habits are not the result of simple dislike but are genetically determined," Dr Drewnowski said. They should also be aware that they may be disguising or moderating bitter tastes by that those who rejected its foods in general, including covering vegetables with extra butter, cream, or a cheese sauce, thereby introducing Like other flavonoids, naringin helps inhibit cancermore fat into their diets."

a variety of foods containing

To cater for those who do not like the bitter taste of broccoli, "sweeter" versions have been bred and are now sold in British supermarkets. But such varieties lack the very ingredients that make eating greens a healthy option.

The importance of fruit and regetables was emphasised at the conference by Professor Bruce Ames, of the University of California at Berkeley, who said that the quarter of Ameri-cans that are the least fruit and vegetables had twice the incidence of most cancers than the quarter that ate the most.

#### Samaritans short of volunteers as calls rise

THE Samaritans today launches a campaign to attract 10,000 new volunteers to cope with a 23 per cent rise in calls in the past decade (Dominic

Kennedy writes).
The £100,000 campaign, supported by Marks & Spener, TSB and Whitbread, will be the largest since The Samaritans was founded in 1953. It has also been prompted by an 8 per cent decline in helpers during the past two years. "More volunteers are urgently needed so we can meet service with confidence," said Simon Armson, the charity's chief executive. He said that the number of calls had risen due to an increased public awareness of the service. "It is also possible that people are simply under more pressure." Volunteers need no previous experience and must be able to commit at least three hours a week and an overnight shift once a month. Volunteers should call a helpline: 0990

ced it (Paul Wilkinson writes). You tell the children it's time. for bed and hours later they are still up, yet they claim you have only just told them. Now researchers at Huli

University have been awarded El40,000 by the Economic and Social Research Council to examine how children perceive and organise their time. With the assistance of the sociology department of Goldsmiths College in London they will explore the expecta-

know it's time for bed and other professionals have of the ability of children aged 10 to 12 to organise and

manage their time. The team will interview children in rural and innercity areas and hope to produce guidelines for people working with children and suggestions for the development of after-school activities. Dr James also hopes that long-suffering parents will understand why the instruction "do it now often falls on deaf ears.

## Ageing Chipmunk flies into the sunset

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE Chipmonk trainer that has served the Army and the RAF for the past 50 years is to leave the colours this summer — after a final trail-blazing flight to America. Three de Havilland-de-signed and built Chipmunks, painted in full RAF colours,

will fly across Russia, Cana-da and the US to open up a new overland air corridor. The three single-engined Chipmunks — flown by two RAF pilots and one from the Russian airforce — will make dozens of stops at remote airfields, many of which were out of bounds during the



Golden days: the first Chipmunk flew in 1946

Cold War, preventing private pilots throughout Europe from taking part in air rallies in America because they did not have the range to cross the Atlantic. Although the Chipmunk has a normal range of little more

than 200 miles, three are now undergoing modifications to enable them to lly 500 miles. The Chipmunk, which first flew in 1946, replaced the

Tiger Moth as the RAFs

basic trainer and became a

firm favourite among mili-

The aircraft was particular-ly popular among the thou-sands of university students and air cadets who took their first steps towards a flying career at the controls of a Chipmunk. Both Prince Philip and Prince Charles learnt to fly on the Chipmunk, which has two seats in tan-dem and flies at a maximum speed of 125 mph.

Last year the RAF ruled

that the venerable Chipmunk no longer met modern military regulatory standards and had to be retired. It has been replaced by the



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## Oxford considers course fees as first step to privatisation

OXFORD is to examine a call by senior dons that it should charge students course fees of up to £8.000 as the first step in proposals which ultimately envisage the privatisation of the university.

The academics, including Robert Stevens, Master of Pembroke College, believe the university could preserve its traditions of independence and excellence by rejecting government funding worth £70 million a year. This would leave undergraduates paying means-tested course fees of between £3,000 and £8,000, with a range of bursaries to help the less well-off.

In an open letter to Peter North, Oxford's Vice-Chancellor. Dr Stevens and nine other dons argue that course fees and hence the "partial privati-sation" of university funding are inevitable. A further step they want explored is whether the university should pull out of government funding alto-gether. The letter, drafted by

Peter Mirfield, a Law Fellow at Jesus College, concludes: "We believe there has been far too little discussion in the university of the option of becoming independent.

"It may be said in some quarters that even to discuss this issue is to increase the risk of funding cuts: This does not make much sense to us. As a must plan far ahead."

pendent Oxford would have little problem attracting government money for research work if it rejected public funding for undergraduates and charged fees. They added: There is no logical reason why students should not be funded partly publicly, partly privately as they are at Har-vard, Yale and Princeton."

It argues that full autonomy would help to save the university's collegiate and tutorial

min academic salaries. The proposals will be considered as part of Dr North's commission into Oxford's future direction, which is likely to be concluded this summer. Dr Stevens said yesterday that they were made "reluctantly but realistically" and could be considered in extremis. Pentbroke was among those poor-er colleges finding it financially very difficult to

tutorial system. The London School of Economics is the only British institution to plan for course fees from next year. However. many universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, will carry a warning in their 1998 charged if the Government's which reports in the summer, does not help to solve a growing funding crisis.

groups that underpin Oxford's

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Tina Russell, who plays Claire Toomey, with Cordelia Bugeja, who plays Melanie Hart in Family Affairs. Channel 5 hopes a pacy plot will win a younger audience

## Channel 5 soap aims to bridge generation gap

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

CHANNEL 5 hopes a family called Hart will help it to capture a crucial share of the soap opera market when it launches next month. Family Affairs, billed as a mixture of ternage angst and middle-age passions, will be broadcast

soap to have a younger feel than ITV's Coronation Street. more upbeat mood than BBC1's EastEnders and less

The characters include Anmiddle-class family who has a strong sense of humour and a ion for sex. Bored with being a silent partner in her husband's building firm, she sets up her own interior

design company. Her husband Chris is the son of a miner from Newcastle. His snooty moth-er-in-law Elsa, who is driven by a desire to appear in Hello

nagazine, has never accepted him as being good enough for

who has a close friend, Claire Toomey, is a Spice Girl clone. Her brother Duncan will embark on an affair with their mother's best friend. Their grandfather lives in the attic.

"It is Dynasty without the shoulder pads," said Mal Young, executive producer. The programme would differ from other soaps because it was centred around three rather than around a place.

It will, say the makers, be characterised by pacy editing. At least six plots will be will be crucial to the whole of both high ratings and high

A hit soap will also entice viewers to stay with the channel for an entire evening and can build viewer loyalty over a period of years. But as Mr Young, the former producer of Brookside, knows, most soaps fail. Notable disasters include Albion Market,

## Howard under fire over plan to tag parents

THE Home Secretary was criticised yesterday for his plans to impose curiews and electronic tags on parents who failed to take responsibility for tearaway children.

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Civil liberties groups, pro-bation officers and penal re-formers broadly welcomed Michael Howard's plans to put pressure on parents to help to prevent their children becoming hardened criminals. But they said tagging parents went too far and could put children at further risk.

Labour accused Mr Howard of stealing their policy of encouraging greater parental responsibility. But Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary. stopped short of criticising parental tagging and said only that it raised questions.

Tory sources said tagging would occur only in extreme published in a Green Paper in likely to be contained in the

The move comes after publication last year of an Audit Commission report that said the El billion youth justice

Howard originally considered changing the law so that children under 10 could be charged with a criminal ofparents more involved.

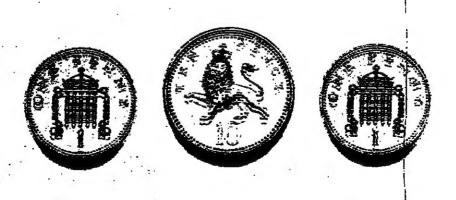
Under the scheme, a panel would identify unruly child-ren under ten who played truent, were seen drinking or taking drugs or committed penty crime. The "crime diversion groups" would en-courage parents to take more responsibility for children. such as taking them to school, spending time with them at weekends and keeping them at home in the evenings.

If the parents refused to co-

operate, magistrates could impose a parental control order Magistrates could fine them up to £1,000, impose community work and, in ex-

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## Degree of silence on a £6 billion problem

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THIS page is devoted to an issue not likely to feature in the television soundbites, poster themes and and content of a general election

campaign.

Considering the stakes involved, the omission is odd. Britain's sprawling university network costs more than £6 billion a year to run and we are the only major country in the world devoting as much as a fifth of the nation's education budget to higher education. But the major political parties some time ago reached a tacit agreement that a committee of inquiry into the scope, funding and purpose of our university system would not report until this summer. Sir Ron Dearing, once chairman of the Post Office and now the Government's trouble, will not render judgment

Political debate about higher education is suffocated by a taboo which has long since ceased to inhibit those who actually run and teach university courses. After two decades of rising student numbers, inadequate public funds and amalgamation with what were once polytechnics, universities are fac-ing hard choices over how they generate income from sources other than the Exchequer. University vice-chancellors have said that they may require students to contribute towards the cost of their tuition as well as their maintenance.

Vice-chancellors may confront this, but political parties back away. The possibility of middleclass backlash against paying fees ition generates powerful political phobia. On the fundamental question of whether university teaching should or should not remain free to most students, the division is not between the parties but between Westminster and academe. While tip-toeing round tuition

fees, both main opposition parties have produced schemes for refinancing student maintenance which involve students paying more towards their own upkeep. Labour suggests sweeping up present loans and maintenance grants into a single loan which would be repaid by graduates over perhaps 15 to 20 years. This version of a "graduate tax" would lengthen the five-year repayment schedule for current loans. The Liberal Democrats would establish Individual Learning Accounts financed

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at a basic level by the State but which would allow students to borrow additional sums.

For the foreseeable future, higher education policy will emerge from the tension between quantity and quality. Whatever the precise boundary between public and private finance, governments will set at least the broad standards which define degree courses and influence the proportion of the population which can take them by setting the extent of subsidy available.

Balancing quantity and quality requires a view about what universities are for. The election of 1979 inaugurated a fresh search for evidence on how much higher education contributed to the nat-

ional wealth, social mobility or general happiness. Researchers set off into the jungle of statistics and prejudices but have not yet returned with clear conclusions. For the first time since the Robbins Report of the 1960s, Sir Ron Dearing has been charged with imposing some order on the chaos. in the absence of agreement

about how many graduates Britain needs, instincts prevail. Arguments for shrinking higher education are not heard: differences are between standing still and expansion. Weary of the struggle to wean students and their parents off public funds and still coping with the consequences of a surge in numbers, the Government is trying to check the expansion, arguing that demand for graduates is slackening. Labour, quoting the 60 per cent America, says that many more people deserve the chance to go to university and that the money can be found from a new version of the ailing student loan scheine.

Many university teachers would say that government faces more urgent issues. The abolition of the distinction between polytechnics and universities has left the country with a mass higher education framework co-enisting with an older, smaller, elite system. At one end of the scale stand Oxford, Cambridge Cambridge and the most powerful civic campuses: at the other stand struggling institutions still not much more than what one of John Le Carré's characters calls "polys

in drag". Sir William Taylor, former Vice.

control".

Most rational planning sugges that the bigger the higher education sector becomes, the more varied its universities must be in specialisation, quality and quantity of research, prestige, sources of finance and character. British universities show a persistent wish to imitate elite success. Universities ill-equipped to do so try to ape the great seats of learning by embark-ing on ambitious research and eading their resources too widely. The new trend, which concentrates the bulk of research funds among a small fraction of Britain's 97 universities, has given rise to claims that an elite "lvy League" is being assembled by stealth and the arrival of "Ivy League angst" in less well-endowed institutions.

## High price paid for university expansion

higher education has undergone revolutionary change which can be captured in a single statistic. In 1979, one young person in eight went through university: nowadays almost one youngster in three does so. The academic grove was once the preserve of a small elite and is no longer.

The debates and decisions of the past 18 years have been dominated by the Government's determination to curb the rise in the cost of universities and the dawning realisation that a system split between polytechnics and universities did not work. The next phase of decision-making must cope with the consequences, both intended and unintended, of merging the two kinds of institutions. And as government has radically altered the structure of the university system and shrunk its public funds, students and their demands have changed. Women, traditionally underrepresented at universities, now make up almost half the student body. There are now almost as many part-time. mainly mature students as young entrants to full-time degree courses. But universities remain a middle-class preserve: students from what opinion pollsters call occupational classes D and E are hardly more likely to take a degree than they were ten years ago.

The Further and Higher Education Act of 1992 allowed 41 polytechnics and colleges to retitle themselves as universiries. Doubling the number of universities has increased the range of choice for individual students but centralised control of the entire sector. When Margaret Thatcher came to power in 1979, university funding was centrally con-trolled by the now-defunct University Grants Committee, but polytechnics were run by local authorities. Now the Higher Education Funding Council for England holds the purse strings of the whole system. Higher education has been nationalised.

The most consistent charge levelled at government minis-

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of teaching institutions. While the exact effects may be in dispute, the financial squeeze was very plainly laid out by a group of university adminis-trators and Whitehall civil servants reporting to the Sec-retary of State for Education last summer. In the past eight years alone, while public funding for universities and colleges has increased by 25 per cent in real terms, the expansion of student numbers has cut funding per student by 30 per cent, with a further 10 per cent cut due over the next two years. Funds from charities and industry have made up

little of the gap. The average student-to-staff ratio ten years ago was about 10:1; last year it had risen to 16.5:1 and the report cites universities claiming ratios of 20:1 and 25:1. The report highlights the points where the system is under greatest strain: shortages of medical equipment and places, out-ofdate information technology and problems keeping librar-ies stocked. The CBI last year underlined the need for students to learn basic skills of communication, teamwork and problem-solving which they fear will suffer as the amount of face-to-face teaching declines.

Fifteen years ago, the idea of student loans generated bitter-ly acrimonious division and hopes for rescuing higher education from ceaseless arguments over money. The controversies have died and the hopes have been dashed. A Tory government has suffered the political embarrassment of going into the banking business and the managerial embarrassment of failing to privatise the operation. The Student Loans Company has outstanding loans of more than El billion and has told the National Audit Office that £142 million is unlikely to be recovered. Banks are extremely wary of getting involved. Both main political parties would love Sir Ron Dearing's committee to present them with a workable proposal to replace the loans fiasco.

Sir Ron is said to be tempted



and Japan. Australian student loans are made by a government fund to which employers contribute voluntarily. Stu-dents also pay some of their tuition fee. They can pay this in advance, or after their course through the taxation system, giving them longer than the steep five-year repayments for British loans. The Japanese Government has created more entry and exit points in its system. Japanese students have to pay substantial course fees, without help from a government loan scheme, for a four-year degree at university. They can also take two-year college degrees and go on to university for a further two years for a full

honours degree. Education officials in Britain have expressed interest in combining the approaches: state funding for two years of study with loans being easier to make and repay when students are well established on courses and keen to com-

plete their degrees. Cost and quantity are relatively straightforward to audit; judgments about quality are more elusive. By one crude measure of quantity, Britain had more graduates per head

of population than any country in the European Union except Denmark when the OECD last counted in 1992, although both Japan and America had still more. A system to rate universities for their research has led to complaints that academic quality cannot be compared across disciplines and that emphasising numbers of publications leads to more books and articles of lower quality and less time devoted to teaching pupils. Can the don taking a tutorial in Aristotelian philosophy at Oxford be directly compared to the lecnurer teaching "golf course management" at the University of the West of England?

Worry about standards is diffuse but persistent. The Department for Education and the universities are still wrangling about the creation of a "quality agency" and the measurement of both teaching and research remains invidious and controversial - not least because some academics refuse to accept that they do something which can be calibrated at all. University authorities resent the lowering of A-level standards which requires them to teach students

who should still be at school.

This worry lies behind the gentle pressure which universities exert to expand some degrees from three years to four. Retiring from Manchester University, Sir John Mason said: The decision to expand higher education before attending to the school system was like adding

an extra storey to a house with

crumbling foundations." Twice during the past 18 years, the Government has tried to link the demand for degrees to demand in the economy for particular qualifications. The system was abandoned for reasons illustrated by the saga of supply and demand for mathematics and engineering graduates. Industry says that it wants mathematicians and engineers, but science and engineering are generally less well paid than other occupations.

Despite the small numbers of A-level students taking mathematics and science combinations, universities ex-panded their places for these subjects. They found them hard to fill and some were forced to take under-qualified

Apart from the problem of finding enough mathematics and science teachers, there is

not much evidence of a shortfall where people are needed for science-based careers. The moral of the story seems to be that universities find it hard to reshape people's choices in line with the economy's

But the helter-skelter expansion of universities will have its own effect on choices. An unprecedentedly large num-ber of students is being sucked into a higher education system that has never closed a weak university, when funds and energy might be better concentrated on further education and vocational courses. Technical further education, ever the Cinderella of the British education system, might be the truly deserving beneficiary of savings made by charging students for tuition.

With degrees no longer a rarity, white-collar employers must find other ways to select their employees. Possession of a degree is no longer something special. That is perhaps the deepest and most lasting change of the past 18 years: universities have gained a lot of students and lost much of their magic.

> Next week: social security

## LORD HENLEY

Age: 43 Education: Clifton and Durham University.

Family: two sons, one daughter. Experience: the 8th Baron Henley, lord of Scaleby Castle in Cumbria, quali-

fied as a barrister soon after leaving university, served as a county councillor and became a government whip in the Lords in the late 1980s. Has held a series of low-level ministerial jobs representing departments

BRYAN DAVIES

Age: 57 Education: Redditch High School, University College London.

Family: two sons, one daughter.

Experience schoolteacher, polytechnic lecturer. Sat as MP for Enfield North for five years until 1979. Came back as MP for Oldham Central and Royton only to ished by boundary changes. At present seatless but is



in the Upper House.

natural Blairite. Performance quietly efflikely to be parachuted into ective, popular.

#### SIR RON DEARING

Age: 66 ··

Education: Doncaster Grammar School, Hull University, London Business School.

Family: two daughters.

Experience: left school at 16 to work in employment exchange. Became White-hall civil servant, chairman of Post Office in the 1980s and indispensable member of numerous boards and quangos. Now chairman of the Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

We have done two things that,

taken together, will prove a femilie blow to the quality of our higher education; we have tripled the number of

students without providing the means, and we have expended universities on the basis of insdequate schools.

The present system which allows any student with minimal qualifications to follow any course or mixture of courses without regard to intellectual or vocational

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Sir John Mason, recently retired Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University

. George Weiden, MF



Politics: saintly. Otherwise unknown. Performance skilful seeker after compromise but not a bold innovator.

The Government considers

student demand alone to be an insufficient basis for the planning of higher education. A major determinant must also be the demands for

The solution is, as many in all political perties are beginning to recognise, to denrifonalise our universities; to abolish the Higher Education Funding Councils and to establish a discount link heavent the efforts.

direct link between the stu-dents, the tuition fees that they pay and the institutions to which they pay them.

John Ashworth, former director, London

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## CONSERVATIVES



Vision: higher education raises workforce skills, brings benefits to the economy, has wider social and cultural benefits and promotes individual and personal development.

Numbers: demand for graduates will be outstripped by supply in the year 2000. Numbers of people in higher education should also be influenced by "rate of return to the nation's investment". Awaiting guidance from Dearing on whether student numbers should grow, and if so by how much,

after next three years of stable numbers. Student grants and loans: charging for tuition ruled out. Balance between grants and loans for maintenance being shifted further towards

University finance: money per student to drop to 72 per cent of 1990-91 level by 1999.

#### LABOUR



Vision: 21st-century societies require high-skill workforces developed by increased access to universities. Economic prosperity and social justice lemand no less.

Numbers: raise the country's sights to the CBI target of 40 per cent of young people taking degrees, America's 60 per cent and Korea's aim of 100 per cent. Government underestimates demand

Student grants and loans: replace present mixture of grants and loans with a graduate contribution scheme. Risks for collection of student repayments will be transferred to private sector to keep the expenditure out of the public sector borrowing requirement.

University finance: gains from new graduate contribution scheme will finance planned

#### LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



Vision: expand access to degree courses without damaging quality. Match Japanese, American and German graduate output. System should adapt to "lifelong learning culture".

EU and central Europe to be particularly

Student grants and loans: Individual Learning Accounts financed by the State could be topped up by loans to be paid back later. Parental contribution to be abolished and support to be extended to all students, whether fullor part-time and in both higher and further

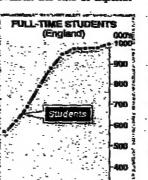
University finance: levels to be agreed with funding councils. Campuses deserve better staffstudent ratios, computers and libraries.



Numbers: should follow demand. Students from

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Average spending per student per year in higher education is almost exactly the same in Britain an France: the rate of expendi-



ture is twice that level in

Germany. □ 18-year-olds today have a nearly 60 per cent chance of going to university, either straight from school or later in life. In 1900, the chance was 1.2 per cent

☐ British student drop-out rates have fluctuated beween 14 and 18 per cent over the past ten years.

☐ Between 1990 and 1994. the proportion of graduates obtaining a first class or upper-second class degree increased from 48 to 50 per

In 1993, 14 per cent of new graduates did not find work within six months of gradu-

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ating: a total of 20,000 people. By the following year, the figure was down to 10 per cent as the economy came out of recession.

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# 'Stately old homo' backs call to abort gay babies

QUENTIN CRISP, who once referred to himself as one of the "stately homos of Eng-land", has called for gay foetuses to be aborted because he believes the world would be better without homosexuals. The flamboyant author who inspired the award-winning play The Naked Civil Servant, said he often wished he had not been born.

He supported calls from James Watson, the Nobel prize-winner who discovered DNA, for women to be allowed abortions if a gay gene" was discovered that could be detected in the womb.

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Mr Crisp, speaking from the bedsitter in New York where he lives in self-imposed exile, said he had been unhappy with his sexuality since he was six years old.

"I got teased by my brothers and my sisters and so on because I was so conspicuously absurd," he told The Times. I was swanning around the house saying, Today I am a beautiful princess. What could people say? At public school of course I never had a



Crisp: often wished he had never been born

always laughing at me. I was bad at games at school and that's a terrible disadvantage." Mr Crisp said he was cer-tain that being gay was in the genes: "It must be, because you are homosexual so early. I don't think anyone wants to be homosexual. If it can be avoided, I think it should be. Life is

so hard, especially in England.
The idea that homosexuals are more talented is absolute school of course I never had a monsense ... being homosex-moment's rest. Everyone was ual, you are just standing on people swim. You are placed in a position where everything you do is bizarre, especially sex acts. Really your body is

not what you wanted it to be." Mr Crisp says he has been celibate for half a century. "By the time you are 40 you are an old person. I am 88. By the time I was 38 I had given up

He acknowledged that the

call to about homosexual babies would enrage gay-rights activists. They are so angry about everything. I do know why they are angry, because they are unsatisfied," he said. "I avoid them myself." He had no idea whether his mother would have wanted him aborted. She of course must have Who could avoid it?"
His call for the eradication

of gay unborn babies came after Mr Watson told The Sunday Telegraph: "If you could find the gene which determines sexuality and a woman decides she doesn't want a homosexual child,

The National Abortion Campaign yesterday defended a woman's right to choose, because a child would grow up to be gay. Anne Marie Keary. who chairs the campaign. said: "I trust women to make good decisions." Elizabeth Szewczyk, who

chairs Support around Termination for Abnormality, said she had never heard a woman say she would take such a test. Only 2,000 of the 180,000 abortions a year in Britain are performed because the baby would have an abnormality.

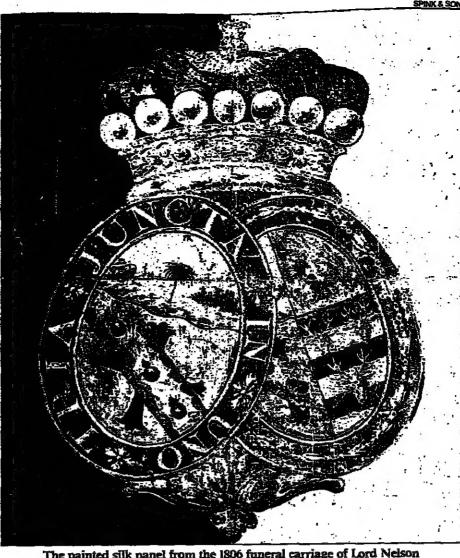
Tests are available for condi-

tions including Down's Syn-

drome and spinz bifida.

Josephine Quintavalle, of Comment on Reproductive Ethics, said: They are going to be looking for more and more aspects of our human mature to identify to try to create the baby without flaws. They have talked about a schizophrenic gene as well. It is a horrifying development."

Angela Palmer, deputy director of Stonewall, the homosexual rights campaign, said: 'It is pretty outrageous. If you had a child who was healthy in every other way but there was a possibility he or she might be gay, it would be aw-



The painted silk panel from the 1806 funeral carriage of Lord Nelson

#### Nelson's funeral tribute returns

ONCE it was the focus of along the streets of London to St Paul's. Now a silk panel which decorated the funeral carriage of Lord Nelson in 1806 is returning to the capital for sale after more than a century in Australia.

The panel in the shape of a hip, is expected to fetch up to £30,000 at Spink on March cides with the 200th anniversary of the Battle of St Vincent in February 1797, the first of four great victories culminating at Trafalgar in 1805, when Nelson was killed. The silk crests of Nelson

and his widow's arms meaand his whow's artis like sure 23in by 18in. The carriage was exhibited at the Royal Hospital for Seamen in Greenwich, but was later broken up. The panel — originally one of six — was acquired by Dr Charles Davies, a collector of books and memorabilia who emigrated to South Australia in February 1840. It is being sold by a

## Ghost of Who's Tommy returns to receive award

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

THE West End musical Tommy, which was forced to close last month after rave reviews fell on deaf ears, has won a Laurence Olivier Award as the most outstanding musical production. The show by Pete Townshend, lead singer of The Who, beat two productions by Andrew Lloyd

Townshend's transformation of his 27-year-old rock opera into a family musical opened at London's Shaftes-bury Theatre last March, fol-lowing a successful Broadway run. Within months, it became clear that the story of the deaf, dumb and blind boy who becomes a rock messiah was ever, its short run did revive sterest in the music of The Who. Tommy had been a worldwide hit as a double-

album rock opera in 1969. The show lasted long

enough for two of its stars -

Best Comedy: Art by Yasmina Reza

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Kim Wilde, who played Tom-my's mother, and Hal Fowler, who played cousin Kevin - to fall in love and marry. It also brought stardom to Paul Keating, 20, a former shelfpacker at Tesco, who had won the title role.

The strong faith of Pete Townshend and his cast in the show was not shared by The Who's singer Roger Daltrey, the album's Tommy, who lelt the aggression of the original

was lost in the stage musical. Another success at the 21st Laurence Olivier Awards in London last night had begun with bad reviews from the critics but went on to win The musical Martin Guerre was firtunced by the impresa-rio Sir Cameron Mackintosh. whose decision to spend £500,000 on a revamo including some new music American Express Award for Best New Musical.

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Stanley
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Guys and Dolls (RNT's Olivier)
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By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's leading directors yesterday acrused the Royal Shakespeare Company and Royal National Theatre of failing to invest in audiences the future. Michael Bogdanov, who has worked with both companies, urged them to follow the example of overseas national theatres in staging large-scale, main-

house productions specifically Mr Bogdanov, co-founder of the English Shakespeare Company, pointed to Denmark, which has seven national theatres, each with a Emit to produce at least two plays a year for children. He said the RSC and RNT showed a "disregard" for children under 12, who probably comprised one fifth of the population. When it came to large-scale productions, children were offered little more than pantomimes, he said. He contrasted Russian and east European actors, who viewed working with children as a "vital" experience, with their British counterparts, who saw it as part of "getting your training".

His company has launched a policy of fouring productions for children. It is to begin with a six-mouth tour of Beowulf. which opens at the Oxford Apollo on March 5. It is aimed primarily at 8- to 12-year-olds — the age group he believes is least provided for.

The RSC denied his claims yesterday. "We already have a fairly significant education programme, which this year is in the process of being doubled, a spokesman said.

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# How wildest Tibet was mapped by yak and coracle

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Hanbury-Tracy in a monastery during the expedition

By Dalya Alberge arts correspondent

PHOTOGRAPHS from a 1935 expedition to the remotest area eastern Tibet are to be exhibited for the first time. They record the adventures of 25-year-old John Hanbury-Tracy, who, with the backing of the Royal Geographical Society, went in search of the source of the Salween River. With his friend, Ronald Kaulback, who died last year. giving, unmapped terrain. The river, he wrote, was "full of whirlpools and rapids where no boat can survive".

The first Europeans to enter the area, for nearly two years they had no contact with the outside world. They had set off in February 1935. By January of the next year, however, the cold - so intense that it was almost impossible to work their delicate survey instruments with any accuracy -and war in China forced them to turn back. However, they had already mapped 25,000 square miles and brought back numerous specimens of plant and insect life. Local people had thought they were hunting for gold.

They also brought back photographs, which are to be lent by Hanbury-Tracy's daughter to this year's Art and





Forgotten world: three faces of eastern Tibet that will be shown at the Art and Antiques Fair in London life his impressions of the local villages, "tmy clusters of flat-roofed houses built of mud

Antiques Fair at Olympia, London, from February 25 to March 2. Hanbury-Tracy. who died in 1971, published the story of his trip in Black River of Tibet in 1938. His first expedition after Cambridge was to Lapland. After Tibet his appetite for exploration took him to the Andes.

He saw the Salween as a mysterious river. In an unpublished account, unearthed by his daughter for the fair, he

wrote about the first stages of their journey through the hill jungles of northern Burma, and 18 days on foot through the Kachin Hills before Putao became their "last contact with newspapers, telegraphs and telephones, or any form of wheeled vehicle for nearly two years". One route, he noted, was "only 100 miles as the crow flies, but it takes over three weeks of strenuous

Describing his first sighting of the Salween, he reported: We had been riding all day in a tearing wind, huddled in our and stone". "Occasionally, the Tibetan sheep-skin clothes, exone can then go down to the river to cross it, either in a periencing the first dead dry cold of a Tibetan winter, the precarious form of coracle made of yak hides or on a still cold of the loftiest plateau on earth. The words of Coleridge sprang to mind. Where, Alph, the sacred river, ran/ Through caverus measureless to man/ Down to a sunless sea"."

hour's desperate work to pull The photographs bring to

him out, for though his head was free, the broken ice refroze rapidly round him. For an hour afterwards he could scarcely walk. I never thought a yak could be so numb with cold, used as they are to sleeping in the snow."

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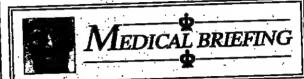
He spoke of his affection and respect for the people of the upper Salween valley: "They are big, cheerful, swaggering men, often 6ft tall and more." He noted: "In the rarefied air of their country, they have few germs to con-tend with, but they do suffer from stomach troubles, worms and venereal disease. The climate tends to produce this virile race."

He wrote ruefully of the expedition's privations. "I have seen hares, partridges and silver pheasants feeding quite tamely a few feet from the path; they are never mo-lested, for no life is allowed to be taken ... We took no guns of any sort with us on our journey, but I must confess that after many months on a monotonous diet consisting mainly of yak meat and turnips. I dearly longed to shoot

something for the pot."

Angus Stewart, curator of the Olympia fair, spoke of the honesty of the photographs: They give you an idea of a country you can't find today. The way of life has vanished."

TV adverts can switch brain to danger channel



**Dr Thomas Stuttaford** 

MARMITE Gravy Cobes add piquancy to the Sunday joint. Unless the diner is taking some forms of anti-depressant, they are not only harmless but valuable, as they contain vitamins. Not so the television advertisement for the cubes, nor those advertisder hot snacks and a host of other products.

valley opens out a little and

more precarious rope-bridge."

He wrote of how one of the

expedition's yaks was rescued

from the river. "It took an

of other products.

All these campaigns have been blamed for dadwing ble viewers. One and a half million people in Britain bave been troubled at some time by easily induced seizures. At any one time, between 4,000 and 5,000 are having treat-

ment to control fits.
The effect of clean control sive therapy, ECT, which immediately induces a seizure in a patient who is suffering from a depressed mood but no physical problem, demon-strates that anyone can be made to have a fit. It is only a question of the level of stimulation that is needed to induce it. Patients who have epilepsy - whether it is symptomatic with an obvious underlying cause, or idiopathic, which implies that the doctors have been unable to pinpoint the reason - can have a fit brought on by a relatively trivial change in the

environment. Lights flashing at a certain they trigger the excessive discharge from the cerebral neurons which leads to the aberrant electrical activity

which causes a seizure. The Boots advertisement for its No 7 lipstick has images which flicker at ever-

increasing speeds, thereby en-suring that those whose brains are unusually vulnerable will be affected by whatever frequency is needed bring about a fit.

The: report about the Marmite Gravy Cube advertisement is particularly interesting as the person involved thought that the moving black and white lines in it induced a seizare. A patient once claimed to be similarly affected by a Bridget Riley painting lines gave the illusion of flickering.

TV adverts are not the only intermittent lights to induce seizures. Computer games were blamed, with good reason, three or four years ago. More dangerous is the effect of unusual light patterns on car drivers, such as an evening light shining through the uprights of a long bridge. Sydney Harbour Bridge was so frequently accused of caus-ing accidents that it was altered. Similar troubles are met by holidaymakers con-fronted by the evening sun

through poplars beside a A more common experience arises from the moving lights of heavy oncoming traffic. Some commuters, already tired, and therefore vulnerable, after a hard day find that when the oncoming traffic is frequency can so disturb a . travelling at a certain speed, highly sensitive brain that its lights can cause changes in the brainwave pattern which are a potential hazard. It is estimated that about 5 per cent of people whose brains are over-sensitive to external stimulae and therefore suffer seizures may have one in-duced by flickering lights.

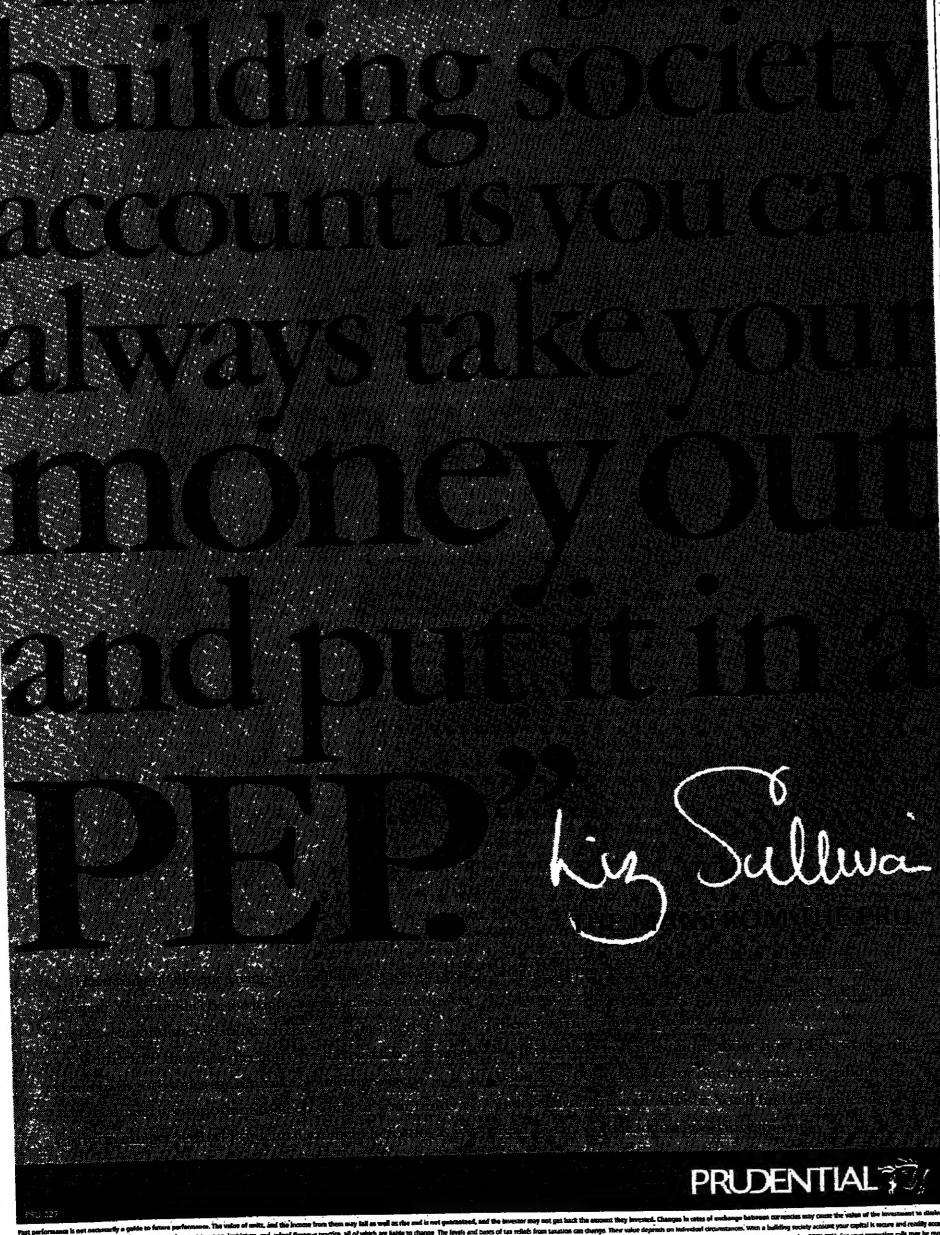
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## Albanian leader orders riot police to allow protests

PRESIDENT BERISHA of Albania, who has aroused international concern by cracking down on protests over fraudulent "pyramid" savings schemes, appeared to change tack at the weekend. He admitted that his Government had made "mistakes" and ordered police to allow demonstrations in provinces

without hindrance". Mr Berisha, addressing supporters in the ruling Democratic Party, said many of the deluded investors had only themselves to blame, but conceded that the Government had also been naive. "We have learnt a hard lesson in freemarket economics," he said.

and capitalism." The Presi-

sands" who had lost their savings and even their homes. but said a "minority" was trying to "turn this big, but not irreparable, loss into a national tragedy". He also made clear that the Government, while refunding savers from frozen pyramid funds, would not supplement this with state

## **Greek Army bars** way to migrants

FROM JAMES PETTIFER IN KAPSTICA

come more usable.

A key issue for Greek military will be its terms of operation. A Greek police-

man, Militades Andreo-poulos, was arrested and charged with manslaughter

here on Wednesday for shoot-

ing an Albanian migrant. In

general, the police have tried to run a humane border

regime. But now the army is

involved the realities of num-

bers of people and landscape

mean that, unless they have

some threat of force to use,

they are likely to be as

ineffective as the police in

stopping the flow of poor and

desperate people into Greece.

SERBIA BULGARIA

HIGH up here in the mounborder, the Greek Army is starting the "Balkan Plan" to close the border to illegal immigrants, and block pas-sage to the thousands of Albanians who are starting to move south towards Greece.

The "Balkan Plan" was leaked from the Greek Foreign Office this week, and is designed to seal the 7,500-mile border from Turkey to Albania, but the remote terrain and sheer numbers of people are likely to make it difficult. The Greek police have had roadblocks in operation for a long while, but they often function lethargically. The army will be a tougher nut to ctack and troops on load patrol are beginning to make their presence felt.

Many migrants are victims of Albania's collapsed pyra-mid schemes and feel they have little choice but to go

numbers are in their thou-sands, not the tens of thousands everyone expects when the spring comes and the

dent, criticised by some for reverting to authoritarian Balkan ways since his election in 1992 after the collapse of communism, said it had been an error to use force against protesters, and people "should be allowed to demonstrate

freely".

He expressed sympathy with the "hundreds of thou-

Square to ensure that protesters did not gather there. Mr Berisha accused the eaders of the Socialists, the former Communists, of trying to exploit the savings revolt for their own ends. In Fier and in the nearby port of Vlore, scene of some of the worst violence, housands marched yesterday to demand their money back. In Fier the crowd carried Petro Foci, the local Socialist leader, on its shoulders. He told them remote mountain tracks be-

cash. We will not take this

debt on our shoulders", he

said. No democratic govern-

ment would do so. It would

amount to printing money,

which in turn would fuel

As the President spoke, tensions remained high in Tirana, the capital, where opposition leaders have been

banned from holding protests

in Skanderbeg Square in the

heart of the city and at the football stadium. A police

presence prevented a planned

demonstration in Tirana ves-

terday, with police clearing

around Skanderbeg

hyper-inflation."

In Vlore, police who had deserted the port after riots a week ago which left three people dead returned at the weekend, but kept their dis-tance from the crowd. No riot police were visible.

Fier and Berisha", and that

although the Government

maintained the protest was

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is political too, and we will

Opposition leaders said they believed the Democratic Party had recruited "peramilitary vigilantes, including recently released criminals, to attack or intimidate protesters, because many ordinary policemen had lost money in the pyramid schemes and were therefore unreliable. The Defence Ministry said the reports were malicious".

At least a third of Albania's 3.5 million people are thought to have invested all they had in the pyramid schemes, many of them run by the country's best known post-communist busismen, in the naive hope of



Fleeing skinheads try to board a Berlin train after a "Work for Germans First" rally led to clashes between extreme rightwingers, leftwingers and police

## Relaunched Northern League still lacks Italians' support

By RICHARD OWEN

UMBERTO BOSSI, leader of the Northern League, tried to movement at the weekend by adopting a softer, less aggressive image after last autumn's misjudged — and poorly re-ceived — Declaration of Independence" in Venice.

But opinion polls suggested that Signor Bossi's revamped "consensual secessionism" still lacked broad support among Northern Italians. Known for his fiery rhetoric and unpredictable behaviour, he told the Northern League's annual congress, in Milan,

that a "referendum" on April 20 would decide whether Italians in the North wanted to form a breakaway state of "Padania". But government officials said that it would be

only a League opinion poll. Signor Bossi said that national media polls were biased against the League. He was clearly stung by one in Corriere della Sera, published in Milan, which said that 80 per cent of those questioned believed Italy should remain "single and indivisible". Seventy-five per cent also thought Signor Bossi

"not the right man to lead the North" in any federated Italy. In front of a poster showing a missile marked "Padania" emerging from a swamp. Signor Bossi told delegates that Italy was finished, adding: "We have to get out of here."

Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, said the League remained a serious threat to Italian unity. The Government's answer lay in its attempt to join the European single currency with its "measured" programme of federalism, devolving more

## Debris theory will not alter thrust of prosecution in Senna death trial

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

FRANK WILLIAMS and two other members of the Formula One Williams team go on trial in Bologna this week over the death of Ayrton Senna, the Brazilian racing champion. The hearing is beginning amid claims that Senna may have crashed because his car hit debris on the track rather than because a steering-column weld snapped, as the

prosecution alleges.
But Italian legal sources said the prosecution would still focus on the steeringcolumn theory because "all the reliable technical evidence points that way". Lawyers said Maurizio Passarini, the Bologna public prosecutor, had built his case in a painsthe fatal crash at the Imola track during the San Marino Grand Prix in 1994.

All technical evidence so far pointed to "modifications" to the steering column as the ause of Senna's death, the lawyers said. Senna's death provoked

deep shock not only because millions witnessed the horrifying end of a brilliant and much admired sporting here who was three times world champion, but because it placed the future of Formula One racing in Italy in doubt --leading drivers have said they will refuse to race in the country again if Mr Williams Suggestions that debris

from an earlier crash was the cause of the accident would shift blame away from Mr Williams and other team members and towards members of the Imola track management, who are also facing trial. A report said pictures taken by Paul-Henri Cahier, a photographer who was 600 yards from the point where Senna left the track, showed what appeared to be a piece of Benetton bodywork lying in Senna's path and then flying into the air as he either hit it or swerved to avoid it. There had been an earlier collision berween a Benetton car and a

Mr Williams is charged along with Patrick Head, the Williams team technical director, and Adrian Newey, chief designer at the time of the crash. Legal sources said it was "unlikely" that the three would be in court on Thursday. The court will first deal with procedural matters, then adjourn until February 28.

Italian trials of this kind have been known to continue on and off for months, even years, only to be followed by long appeals. Mr Williams is charged with "culpable homi-cide", a charge often brought in Italy when someone is thought to have contributed to another's death "through neg-ligence or fault". If convicted, he is likely to receive a suspended prison sentence of a year. The maximum sen-

tence is five years. Senna, driving a Williams Renault, hit the concrete wall of the track on May 1, 1994, after taking the Tamborello bend at 192mph. He suffered fatal head injuries when the steering column and front suspension arm pierced his helmet, and died in Bologna's main hospital.

Team members say that he was unusually tense on the day of the race, partly because he was being challenged by Michael Schumacher (driving for Benetton), partly because of tensions with his family over his girlfriend, Adriane Galisten, and partly because he was deeply upset by the death of the Austrian driver Roland Ratzenberger, whose car hit the track wall at 200mph during a qualifying



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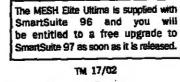
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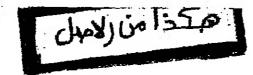
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## Peasants' revolt in Passau sows more seeds of euro doubt

onventional wisdom holds that the big event in Germany last in unemployment. However much soul-searching those figures may have provoked, a mood change occurred in the Bavarian town of Passau which may have a still more profound bearing on the

Every Ash Wednesday, members of the regional rul-ing party, the Christian So-cial Union, gather in halls and tents to hear rousing speeches from their leaders while they sink colossal flagons of beer. Audiences have



man - until this year. Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister and CSU leader, had to be slipped into the Nibelungen Hall in Passau by a side entrance. His speech was punctuated by boos and whistles. Some-thing is upsetting those olump and usually placed Bavarian farmers. something is change.

The men of Passau expect their politicians to protect them from upheaval, but the truth that they face a rolling economic revolution is slowly dawning. Last week's anger was generated by tax and pension reform dictated by the need for Germany to eze its deficit to qualify for the single currency. Looking further ahead, the farmers also see their subsidies falling under pressure from

because support will have to be spread thinner as coun-Hungary join the EU.

The once-reassuring EU plans to replace the mark with the euro. Some Bavarians fear that the new money will be worth less. Others, like the men and women who make BMWs outside Munich, worry that the euro will be strong enough to hit car sales to non-euro countries like Italy. What few people in Germany or anywhere else have grasped is that the single currency will also start another wave of labour market deregulation and welfare state shrinkage. The single

currency plainly requires a matching "economic govern-ment" to work. Whether or not the single-currency states get together joint foreign policies (highly unlikely). armonise tax rates (proba ble) or organise a carbon energy tax (improbable), one kind of "political union" will materialise instantly.

The success of failure of the euro, as Professor David Currie points out in an Economist Intelligence Unit paper released today, will depend on whether the EU tackles "reform of fiscal, welfare and labour

move undue rigidities in the European economies". That is a polite way of saying that present job security and welfare levels must fall to keep the euro flying, because no other remedy will be

Once the euro is launched, pressures to make the zone's markets work more efficientwill become acute. No European politician believes that wages can be reduced to keep ailing firms competitive although a German metalworkers' leader broke with precedent last week and sug-gested just that. Citizens of the euro zone will not do as the American unemployed

do: move to where the jobs are. Workers in the EU have in recent years.

Trench and Germans, in particular, show no indination to look for work in a different region or country. Loathing of free-market economics is rising again in France. One gloomy tract against globalisation. The Economic Horror, has become a surprise bestseller. Two quite different conciusions can be drawn. The first

is heard as an argument for British entry to the single-currency: that in joining a deregulating Rhiueland

economy, deregulated Brit-ain might do well and show others the way.

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process of squeezing back perks and protections in the continental économies may be a grief-stricken trauma of uncertain outcome, as societies are forced to dismantle welfare states and to depoliticise the control of money against a background of rising unemployment and surging votes for politicians of the Far Right. In that event, we should stand well

GEORGE BROCK

## French elite steps up fight against immigration law

A PROTEST launched by French film-makers last week in defiance of stringent immigration laws has snowballed into a full-scale anti-government rebellion involving many prominent members of France's intellectual elite.

Sculptors, doctors, writers and painters are among those backing the call for a campaign of civil disobedience against a Bill further tightening tough 1993 immigration legislation. It requires citizens to report the arrival and departure of foreigners staying in their homes without residence papers.

More than 400 French actors, including actresses Catherine Deneuve and Jeanne Moreau, yesterday joined the growing ranks of the protesters, which already include 300 writers, 400 senior theatrical figures, 700 psychoanalysts and 1.200 journalists and lawyers. Today 50 cartoonists and artists will publish drawings in the left-wing Liberation newspaper attacking immigration policies.

The revolt began last Wednesday when 59 filmmakers, including only a handful of household names, published a statement demanding to be prosecuted. "We are guilty, every one of us, of putting up illegal foreign



describing the laws as an incitement "to inform on others inspired by xenophobia". Fuelled by concern over the

recent municipal election victory by the extreme-right National Front in the southern town of Vitrolles, the protest has gathered momentum, attracting support both from quarters, such as Bernard-Henri Levy, the omnipresent left-wing philosopher, film director and pundit, and less likely rebels, such as the 58 physics experts who signed an Internet petition.

The Government's defenders have been quick to characterise the campaign as grandstanding by the art establishment, pointing out that some



Deneuve, left, and Moreau: joining disobedience call

lation. The new Bill would formalise an existing decree requiring that individuals tell local authorities when an immigrant without residence papers has moved into or out

The so-called Debré laws. named after Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister, and due to be debated by pariiament later this month, would also require finger-printing for non-EU people entering the country. The Government has called the laws "balanced" and has so far ruled out amending or dropping the most controversial clause.

Critics say the Govern-ment's hardline stance is an attempt to ture votes from the be investigated and put on ers had voiced few if any to expel millions of immi- wife of the party's number

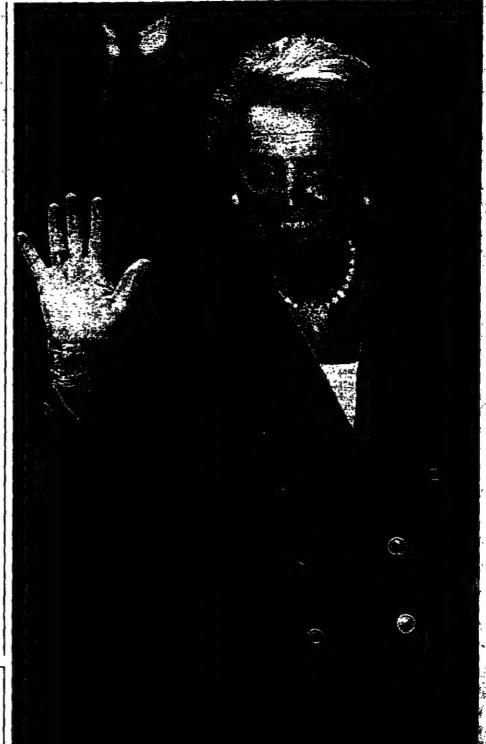
of their homes.

campaign has evolved quickly into a wider row over immigration and the advance of the National Front, taking the

Government by surprise. Guy Sorman, a writer and adviser to Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, said in a television interview on Friday that the laws requiring the reporting of illegal immigrants might have to be amended. He was immediately contradicted by government officials. A sman for the ruling spokesman for the ruing Gaullist party said: "All local politicians know that residence permits are behind much of the illegal immigra-

tion afflicting France."
In an article for the Journal du Dimanche newspaper yesterday, M Debré insisted that the protesters were "trying to stir up emotions by falsely raising the notion of informing on others", compared by critics to wartime legislation under the Vichy regime.

The objective is to aid the struggle against illegal immi-gration and to reinforce the means by which we can tackle the real underground network of illegal immigration that exists in France," M Juppe said. ☐ Vitrolles: Several hundred left-wing demonstrators massed at the town hall here yesterday when the National Front officially took control and elected Catherine Megret,



Ms Albright arrives at the Rome Defence Ministry yesterday at the start of a four.

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## **Albright** optimistic on future of Russia

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, said yesterday that America was not concerned about the future of Russia despite President Yeltsin's state of health because there were other Kremlin leaders dedicated to demo-

cracy and the free market. Ms Albright arrived in Rome yesterday at the start of an Il-nation tour as part of consultations in the run-up to the Nato summit in Madrid in June, which is to confront the vexed issue of Nato's eastward expansion. Liberal Russian leaders such as Andrei Kozyrev, the former Foreign Minister, have said that absorption of former Comminist countries, such as Poland and Hungary, against the wishes of Russia would strengthen mationalistic and militaristic forces" in the Kremlin.

Ms Afbright, dubbing her tour of European capitals the "Albright Express", briskly dimissed such arguments in talks with Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, and Lamberto Dini, the Foreign Minister. She will visit Bonn, Paris, Brussels and London before arriving in Moscow on

Thursday.
The Secretary of Stale said was "very important for both the Europeans and the Rossians to understand that we are into a new era. It is no longer an adversarial rela-sociation with Russia." She said that President Yeltsin, who is to saect President Carbines in Helsinki next months had played an impor-lant abletic reforming Russia. mildr Olinson and his senior

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## Car theft rivals drugs in world crime earnings

BY OLIVER AUGUST

ORGANISED car theft is now as big an international problem as drug smuggling, ac-cording to a survey by a

London-based group.
Russian crime syndicates have developed networks to transport vehicles from Europe to the former Soviet Union. About 25 per cent of foreign-made cars on the streets of Moscow are believed to be stolen

Bettina Wassener, European analyst at the Control Risks Group, said: 'Car theft' is an international plague that costs billions of pounds every year ... if car theft was a legitimate business, it would rank fifth worldwide among the Fortune 500 companies."

up to El million on a single luxury car. They sell them below market value, wait a few days and steal them back from the buyers who, knowing from the price they bought a stolen car, will not report the theft to police. Gangs can repeat this trick up to 30 times

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Ms Wassener said: "Vehicle theft is one of the easiest ways of making money ... while prostitutes and casino operators need a property to ply their trade, the thieves just stroll the streets and steal."

The crime syndicates are split between Russians and Chechens, Moscow's arch-enemies in the Caucasus. The gangs are said to have expanded from their traditional activities such as drug-running into car-dealing by combining the two. They use the stolen cars to ferry drugs across Europe and then sell the cars afterwards, effectively profit-

ing twice. According to the survey, the number of stolen vehicles has quadrupled in parts of Europe since the collapse of communism. In Poland, where cartheft rose by 20 per cent in 1995, a top presidential aide and the Interior Minister's wife had their cars stolen.

Ms Wassener said: "In large East European and former Soviet cities, there is a great demand for foreign-made cars, which are seen as status symbols. This is the incentive.

Tokyo: A spate of car thefts in the Japanese capital since the new year has led to the setting up of the nation's first car crime unit (Robert Whymant writes).
Japan's cities have the lowest crime rate of leading industrialised nations and remarkably few vehicle thefts. Police called the

But it is the well-organised networks of criminal gangs across the continent which provide the means. Some criminal gangs started off stealing cars before extending their activities to other forms

Peter Koehler, a German crime expert, believes that many car owners are being persuaded by criminals to sel their cars to them, then report them as stolen to collect the insurance. "We estimate that in up to ... 50 per cent of all

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## Desperate Zaire businessmen plan to privatise army

From Sam Kiley in kinshasa

PRIVATE businessmen in Zaire's richest province of Shaha are planning to pay their own army to recapture strategic towns lost to rebels over the past month in a desperate attempt to improve morale and prevent a coup.

The businessman at the centre of the plan said yesterday that he had managed to raise £37,000 in pledges from fellow entrepreneurs in Lu-bumbashi, the capital of Shaba province

This could be our last chance. If we cannot motivate some soldiers to try to take back towns they have lost, them the army will remain humiliated and we can kiss the region goodbye. If the rebels took Shaba, land rich in cobalt, copper, gold and dia-monds, they would control the whole economy." he said.

The man, who is close to President Mobutu's family, last night met News, the President's adopted son, to try to enlist his support for the scheme. "We would hope to raise about 500 well-motivated and well-led volunteers who could then be sent, with the support of helicopters, against the rebels. It is vital that the

army wins at least one battle, even if only a bargaining chip with the rebels later on " the businessman said. He refused to say what such a force's first objective would be. But the rebels' most important holding in Shaba is the port, airport and railway station at Kalemie on Lake Tanganyika.

6 Talks must be opened with the rebel forces so that brother can stop killing brother 2

The salary of an ordinary soldier in the Zairean Army was raised from about £5 to about 16 a month over the weekend, after members of the civil guard loosed Kinshasa's central market. But no pay is reaching frontline soldiers who are short of ammonition and have not received any rations in months. You cannot expect people to go into

hattle when they, naturally, ask themselves, "For whom? Why! And what with!", said the businessman behind the attempt to privatise Zaire's armed forces.

The initiative came as the country's 70,000 man army continued to crumble and disaffected junior officers talked of purging the Govern-ment and senior military ranks and of forcing President Mobutu into exile. At least 150 soldiers, half-

starved and humiliated by rebel victories over the past ing into military camps in Kinshasa from the front line, more than 1,000 miles away. Some found their way to Congo. Others hijacked forries and bush taxis or came in by air. None had a good word to say for their Government.

Many were glad to express support for Laurent Kabila, the leater of the rebels. One second lieutenant in his thirties had fought at Bunia on the border with Uganda last year, "William", well-educated and articulate, had walked 800 miles from there to Isiro, where he caught a plane to



Some of the 15,000 Zairean youths newly recruited into the rebel forces sing while on exercise in Kalemie

Kisangani then another to

. The harrowing experience of battlefield defeat and humiliating retreat through the forest has angered his junior officer comrades. There must be a change of government. Mobutu must go into exile or retire. If this does not happen and our comrades in the field are not paid, fed, armed and properly led, there will be a curiew in Kinshasa and we will dean out all the minuses and anyone above the rank of major. There is very little time," he said. "Talks must be opened with the rebeis, so that brother can stop killing brother," he added, "William" said that he did not give the Goverriment more than a week, "two at the most", before young officers took the law into their own hands.

His rage is understandable. The first people he had to fight when he was sent into battle were from the Special Presidential Division (DSP), the only part of the army to receive regular pay and rations.

November as members of the "elite" division went on a looting rampage in the town.

"The first ten people we killed were DSP soldiers trying to get on our plane with their goodies, Later we went into the town itself and had to kill another ten. There was

## Gore 'very moved' by visit to Mandela's island jail cell



Al Gore as honorary Mayor of Crossroads

IN CAPE TOWN

ALGORE, the American Vice-President, yesterday visited the jail cell on Robben Island where President Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years behind bars. He described the experi-

Mr Gore, who is in South Africa for three days to expand trade and diplomatic ties, toured the former prison where the apartheid regime imprisoned Mr Mandela and

Mr Mandela's 9ft by 6ft cell— fay Mined Kannada, who

prisoners that oversees the siand's operations.

Mr Mandela was allotted only small amounts of food and was not allowed by the prison to wear long trousers, while Mr Kathrada, as an Indian, was treated slightly better, the former prisoner told Mr Gare.

"What they lived through is unbelievable. Their inspiration goes beyond the borders of South Africa." Mr Gore said after the visit. Bartier in the day Mr Gore,

donning a bead collar, was Tipper, were shown pamed an honorary Mayor of squatter camp outside Cape

#### Lesotho's police rebels surrender

By INIGO GILMORE

TROOPS from Lesotho's autional army yesterday defeated a rebel police group behind a nationwide multipy when they captured the police headquarters in the capital. State-run Radio Lesothe

said the leader of the mutineers was among 33 who surrendered. The motiny, which involved two thirds of the 3,000-strong Royal Leso-tho Police, began ten days ago when eight accessed offi-cers seized the Maseru headquarters and demanded immunity for allegedly mur-dering three colleagues.

## Commonwealth group split on new Nigeria sanctions

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AN ACTION group seeking to cajole Nigeria into a swifter return to democracy meets in London today for a review of how willing Nigerians are now to make changes demanded by the Commonwealth in 1995, when their

Human rights advocates fear the eight-man Common-wealth Ministerial Action Group is weakening in its resolve to impose new sanctions if the military Government of General Sani Abacha fails to speed up an election timetable. Activists also point to differences in the group, headed by Stan Mudenge, the Zimbabwean Foreign Minister, between those ready to compromise and hardliners. Britain and Canada are identified as hardliners; African countries seem more ready to give General Abacha the benefit of the doubt.

Britain insisted before the two-day meeting that it was not willing to make any concessions in the demand that Nigeria must release political prisoners and hold elections by October, the two-year deadline set in 1995.

Officials say local elections have not been held and, although some political prisoners have been released, others

have been arrested. Lloyd Axworthy, Canada's Foreign Minister, believes the group has made no headway; it was not given access to political prisoners during a November visit. He wants the proposed new sanctions, suspended since negotiations began, to be imposed and Nigeria's suspension reaffirmed.

Critics concede General Abacha is in a strong position and widely popular, having won support for a crackdown on crime and customs fraud. More than 2,000 customs officers have been sacked this year, according to the national

#### Row over **Jewish** settlers mars talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

A dispute over Israeli plans to boost the number of Jewish settlers living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip overshadowed the resumption here yesterday of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Hours before the negotiations got under way at a kibbutz near Jerusalem, David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, warned Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, that peace moves would be set back if his team pressed the issue of settlements.

Speaking to Israel radio, Mr Levy, the head of Israel's large negotiating team, was countering a warning by Mr Arafat that Israel would be gambling with peace if settlement activity was increased on land seized from the Arabs in 1967. "I would propose to Arafat that he does not repeat his declarations of this sort," Mr Levy said, "The matter of settlements ... is not on the agenda."

According to guidelines set down last month, the vexed question of settlements, like that of the future of Jerusalem and the fate of millions of Palestinian refugees living abroad — so-called "final status issues" - will be discussed in talks due to open next month and scheduled to finish

in 1999.
Palestinians are worried that Israel will accelerate building in the occupied areas in advance of the pullbacks of its troops due to take place in three stages to end in the

middle of next year.

The peace talks restarted yesterday in the form of eight separate committees. The main outstanding issues are the procedures for reconciling with the opening of a Palestinian airport and seaport in Gaza and the setting up of a safe passage for Palestinians to travel between Gaza and the West Bank.

☐ Nablus, West Bank: Pales tinian police arrested the head of Palestinian military intelligence in Nablus and two interrogators suspected of torturing a prisoner to death, a police official said. Two officials in the Nablus governor's office were also arrested. (AP)

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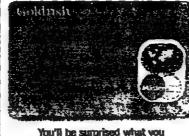


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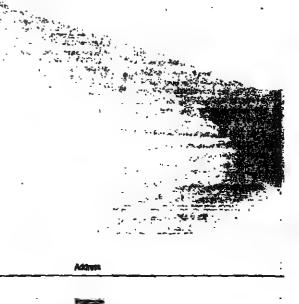


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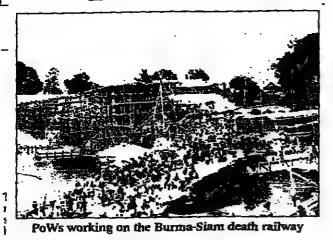


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FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA'S Chief Executivedesignate for Hong Kong. Tung Chee-hwa, and Malcolm

Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, agreed yesterday that

Hong Kong is an important place, but on little else. Their 90-minute conversa-

tion in Government House,

described by both as positive and constructive, appears to

have found little common

ground. Although Mr Rifkind

conceded that once Beijing

resumed sovereignty Britain's

powers would be limited, it

that "internationalising"

Hong Kong is becoming a

British priority.

Mr Rifkind cut short his

visit here, as did John Prescott,

Labour's Deputy Leader, re-

cently, to be present for the

politically important Com-

During a press conference,

he insisted that Britain has not

abandoned Hong Kong and still had cards to play after the

July handover - such as at

British-Chinese Joint Liaison

Group meetings, at which three times a year until 2000,

Britain can raise any concerns

about its former colony.

was "still on the table".

mons agriculture vote.

became plain during this visit

FIFTY years after the end of the Second World War in the Far East. Japanese and British soldiers for the first time stood side by side in Rangoon to commemorate the dead this weekend. Notably absent from this first "breakthrough" meeting on Burmese soil — and probably last, too —were former Allied prisoners of war who lost 16,000 comrades on the Burma-Siam death railway.

While the Japanese organised trip was described as a "triumph of reconciliation", there were uneasy moments as veterans from opposing sides remembered different version of events in what was undoubtedly the

most vicious Asian theatre of opera-tions in the Second World War. One such incident caused a young Japanese student, who was invited to represent lapanese youth, to burst into tears at what she described as the "arrogance" of the former Imperial Army's soldiers. For this was no trip of atonement for the atroctiles commit-ted in the name of the Imperial Army. The young woman said she had wished to apologise for all deaths on

Former Imperial Army soldiers refused to lay flowers on the graves of the Burmese who fought with the British forces. But in a joint meeting at the British Ambassador's residence in Rangoon attended by the Japanese envoy, they remembered the Commonwealth casualties. The meeting of reconciliation had been arranged by the British Burma Campaign Fellow-ship Group and the All Burma Veterans Association of Japan. Travel arrangements were made by the Japanese through the Myanmar Tour-ism and Travel, controlled by the Burmese State Law and Order Resto-ration Council. In the new "Myanmar". Japanese monéy exerts considerable influence while Britain is

perceived as a backer of the pro-democracy leader. Aung San Suu Kyi. The trip was described as historic, but it had been criticised from the outset by the Japanese Labour Camps Survivors Association, whose chairman, Bill Holtham, said: "I have no intention of forgiving or forgetting. We don't go in for socialising with the Japanese." But Philip Malins, 77, MC, the senior British officer on the trip. said: "We understand the point of view of the PoWs, but it is our intention that this bitterness is not carried on from one generation to the next. Concilization is much the greater priority now."

The organisers arranged that the nine-strong British contingent—all members of the victorious army, not the defeated soldiers who surrendered in Singapore, who were worked to death in such places as the death railway's Hellfire Pass — travelled in separate buses from the 25 Japanese soldiers and ate at separate tables.

They toasted each other across the

## **Tajiks** free five captives

Dushanbe. Islamic rebels holding Russian and Western hostages in a mountain stronghold in Tajikistan freed five of their captives yesterday. but kept the last six, whose face

will be negotiated today.

Zafar Szidov, the spoker-man for the Tajik President, confirmed that the freed hostages had reached a govern-ment checkpoint about 50 miles east of Dushanbe. Those freed included a Swiss military observer working with the United Nations, two Rus-sian reporters, a Tajik interpreter and an employee of the UN refugee agency. (Reuter)

#### Georgian envov loses immunity

Washington: The Republic of Georgia lifted immunity for a diplomat in its Washington embassy, clearing the way for his arrest in a fatal car crash, the US State Department said.

Georgi Makharadze 35, could be charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of Joviane Waltrick, 16, who was killed last month. Mr Makharadze's car hit two cars waiting at traffic lights. Police said he had been drinking and appeared to be speeding. (AP)

#### Hubble trouble

New York: Nasa astronauts conducting repairs on the 43ft-long Hubble space telescope found it has been battered by debris since its overhaul three years ago. They will take an extra spacewalk to patch it up.

#### Yemen kidnap

Sausa: Tribesmen in eastern Yemen kidnapped an American oil engineer and demanded the Government pay them about \$2 million (£1.25 million) in compensation for con-fiscated land. (AFP)

#### Skiers killed

Chambery: Five skiers died and another was seriously hurt when they were swept away by avalanches in the French Alps and Pyrenees. police said. Seven avalanches were reported, (AFP)

#### Workers held

Tehran: Iranian police in riot gear arrested "four or five busioads" of oil workers who were staging a demonstration at the Oil Ministry to demand higher wages, witnesses said. (Reuter)

#### Currency catch

Delhi: Indian customs seized a batch of fish stuffed with foreign currency worth £350,000 which was being exported to Singapore on a flight preparing for take-off from Madras. (AFP)

## North Korean infiltrators accused of assassination attempt

## Shooting in Seoul raises tension over defectors

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELIING

SOUTH KOREA yesterday accused North Korean agents of being behind an attempt to kill a long-staying defector to the South, even as a tense stand-off continued in Beijing outside a South Korean diplomatic compound where a top North Korean official sought sanctuary last week.

In Seoul, Suh Chung Hwa, the Home Affairs Minister, told Cabinet colleagues at an emergency meeting that he believed North Korean agents had shot Lee Han Young, a nephew of the late wife of Kim Jong II, the North Korean leader, on Saturday night near the South Korean capital. Mr Lee gasped to witnesses "Spy, spy," before lapsing into a coma. Reports say he is not

He denounced reports in expected to live. The Times that Britain had ab-Mr Suh called the shooting an assassination attempt by andoned promises to take legal action on Chinese North Korean infiltrators". violations" of agreements, South Korea stepped up secpointing out that taking China urity, setting up roadblocks in to the International Court of Seoul, the capital, in an atassailants, and ordered invisional Legislative Council

ters and other defectors. Some army leave was cancelled. In Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, celebrations marking the 55th birthday of Mr Kim were more muted than expected, consisting mainly of schoolchildren performing gymnastics, and a plan to broadcast the ceremo-

nies live was cancelled. North Korean officials in Beijing told correspondents that Mr Kim is expected to take over full state power after July 8, the third aniversary of the death of his father, the "Great Leader" Kim II Sung, the founding father of the hermetically-sealed state of 23 million which has suffered severe food shortages after two years of floods.

China, embarrassed by the diplomatic incident on its territory, tightened security around the diplomatic building in the leafy San Li Tun area of Beijing. The North Koreans, who are maintaining a vigil around the police cordons there, issued a warn-



Beijing police stop a Chinese rider cycling past the security cordon around the South Korean mission yesterday

Korea attempted to move the defector, Hwang Jang Yop, a senior member of the North's leadership, who took a taxi with an aide to the South Korean consulate to ask for asylum last week. More than one North Korean Embassy soon, especially as Madeleine rivalry, it called on North and any defector before, Mr employee at the police cordon. Albright, the American Secre South Korea to resolve the ing of trouble ahead if South Hwang would be able to situated 150 yards from the tary of State, is due here next crisis themselves.

reveal the workings of Pyongyang's secretive Communist eadership, diplomats say. "If the South uses force to

move him to South Korea we will respond with force," said

Delhi: The Indian Army has been given shoot-on-sight powers in the northeastern

state of Tripura, where tribal

separatists are involved in a

to pilots

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

IN NEW YORK

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after trying earlier to stay out of the dispute, which last week

saw pilots demonstrating at

As a result of the President's

Beijing diplomatic compound yesterday. "We are determined to prevent them from taking him to the South."

Beijing is obviously anxious that the confrontation is ended

proaching 500,000 people a year. All seven small states in

the North East face violent

movements fuelled by the influx of Bangladeshi Musi-

ims. The immigration has

led to tensions between Mus-

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Tribal wife

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that the crisis could take "a very long time" to resolve. Signalling its desire not to get caught up further in their rivalry, it called on North and

week. The Chinese Foreign Ministry said at the weekend

Indian guerrillas 'will be shot' All Tripura Tiger Force. Eight days ago tribal separatists burnt more than 60

> The situation is pretty had," Samar Chow Tripura's Home Ministe

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#### worsening guerrilla war. (Christopher Thomas writes). Law and order is collapsnous Christian population. Fifteen Bangladeshis were ing because of mass illegal immigration from Bangladesh, believed to be ap-Fly order by Clinton PILOTS of American Airlines were ordered back to work by President Clinton 24 minutes after they went on strike at the weekend, but their short-lived labour action still caused a possible loss of \$200 million (£123 million). The pilots, who are in dispute with the management

BY QUENTIN LETTS AN AMERICAN anthropologist whose wife returned to her life as a young tribeswoman in the Amazon jungle yester day denied reports that he was planning an expedition to

Breaking a long-standing silence about his relationship with his wife. Yarima, whom he met when she was a child in the bare-loined Yanomama tribe, Kenneth Good said that the rumours of a trip circulating in the South American press were "malicious and WYONE".

bring her back.

"I have given up hope of her coming back," said Mr Good, who attacked critics trying to depict him as an immoral cradle snatcher Mr Good said he did not

steep with his wife until she was 16 or 17. The "betrothal" when she was 13 had been a tribal custom and was nonphysical.
"In America a 16-year-old

girl is considered a child, but in the jungle she is a woman," he said. When the couple reached America they married legally, at which time she was 20. Mr Good, a college lecturer from Long Valley, New Jersey, spoke after disclosures last month in The Times that Yarima had fled back to the Amazon after living in Ameri-ca for five years. He denied that it had been wrong to bring her to the West. She was my life and I loved her. She is a human, not an animal," he said. The Goods have three children, who now live with their father.

"Yarima didn't feel the pressures of the West," said Mr Good. "She simply missed her

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of human nature. But we are wrong - these characters are mentally ill. Small hiccups in the biology of their brains have left them a job or relationship, or the failure to respond to social

> cues and body language. This is the astonishing Syndromes, a book by Dr John Ratey, a psychiatrist, and Dr Catherine Johnson, a writer who first became interested in the subject when she discovered her son was mildly autistic. The book may occasionally veer into syrupy American psychobabble but it has struck a chord among American psychiatrists.

One in three people, the



# Do you need to see a psychiatrist?

mish-mash of problems, such as sleeping difficulties, low libido, or of feeling angry all

The book documents six

categories of behaviour which

exist in shadow form, and the

authors invent a personality type to illustrate the mild

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The loner, the obses Anjana Ahuja on the doctors who believe that the sive, the eternal bachelor, the overproteceternal bachelor, the overprotective mother tive mother, tive mother, the temper-prone husband. We and the temper-prone husband are all mentally ill may titter at their social shortcomings, but we accent them authors say, exhibit unusual for example, do not have clear-traits that are too mild to rank cut, psychiatric problems. In-as clinical mental disorders stead they might complain of a because they collectively illustrate the marvellous diversity traits that are too mild to rank

but are debilitating enough to disrupt the smooth running of their lives. These are "shadows" of more serious disor the time. ders, nudging a person into tween perfect mental health and clinical psychiatric illness. Mental health experts have long believed that people are .. version. These are autism (the theory contained in Shadow falling between the cracks. and have even nicknamed them the "worried well" - too

disturbed to sail through life's challenges but too well to warrant medical treatment. Dr Ratey, executive director of research at Medfield State Hospital in Massachusetts. and assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medi-cal School, points out that

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compulsive disorder (a secretary who scrutinises the meaning of a passing remark, to the most people who seek therapy.

else); intermittent rage disorder (a sportsman who flies off the handle The Open University at seemingly trivial incidents): depression (a friend who always manages to

put a dampener on any jolly social occasion); and attention deficit disorder (an energetic. impatient executive who leaves a trail of unfinished sentences, projects and even marriages, in her wake).

someone who fits one of these de-. scriptions. Conventional wisdom, and fashionable psychoanalysis, would ascribe these traits to the patient's background perhaps a distant mother, problems at school or an

overbearing sibling.

Dr Ratey thinks otherwise.
He is a firm believer in the biology of personality. These patterns of behaviour, he says. originate in the structure and chemistry of the brain. He doesn't dismiss environment completely, but says that our funny little quicks are a blend of biology and environment. You have to take the basic stuff you're born with, and then deal with the reality around that. You have to learn how to handle your biology."

"That's fine," says Dr Ratey.
"But let's take an example of what is pathological.

someone who keeps getting fired because he flies into rages. He needs to do something about it because his biology is ruining his life, and perhaps his marriage." Isn't the emotive phrase "shadow syndrome", which conjures up visions of being haunted or stalked by mental

problems, just another exam-ple of the fad to put labels to conditions? "It's replacing labels." Dr Ratey says. "Someone might be thought

of as moronic, weird or arrogant, but if you replace those terms with the phrase The book shadow syndrome. it changes the way documents people relate to them. People don't

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day lobotomy can cure a

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Dr Ratey is prepared for some flak when he starts

promoting the book in earnest

later this year. "Some of the

stuff on OCD and addiction

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behaviour lieved to find their name. Knowing its origins allows them to get a grip on the problem, and stop biaming themselves for being social, professional or academic Neither does he think that

e can all think of by being called mentally unwell: "It's a choice between facing up to a mild depression. and having no friends," he says bluntly. name for these conditions, Dr Johnson and Dr Ratey have timed their book perfectly. It catches the wave of interest in newoscience, which is unravelling the workings of the

But what if these people are happy with the way they are? might worry people, but col-leagues and peers have been very receptive. They see these shadow syndromes in themselves, and they know the difficulty of drawing the line between what is normal and

."Our ideas are by no means the last word, and new ideas will eventually replace ours. We are just highlighting a different way of thinking

Shadow Syndromes, John J. Ratey MD and Catherine John-son Ph.D. Bantam Press, July 10.

#### Beyond the Sun □ Dirty story □ Butterfly attack

## Great pioneer

NEARLY seven billion miles from Earth and 25 years after it was launched, a veteran spacecraft is still churning out scientific data. Pioneer 10 long since left behind the most distant of the planets, slipping off into interstellar space.

Back on Earth, the US space agency. Nasa, plans to celebrate the spacecraft's silver jubilee by refusing to spend any more money on it. Solar activity is at present increasing, so abandoning Pioneer 10 now seems short-

This is bad news for another space pioneer, Professor James Van Allen of the University of

discovery by a scientific spacecraft, identifying the Van Allen belts — regions above the Earth where charged particles are trapped by the Earth's magnetic field. Now over 80. he has an experiment on Pioneer 10 which is still producing interesting results.

speed of 186,000 miles per second,



Nigel Hawkes

lowa, In 1958 he made the first-ever

Pioneer 10 was launched on March 2, 1972. and was the first spacecraft to visit Jupiter, in December 1973. It passed beyond the orbit of the outermost planet in June 1983, becoming the first man-made object to leave the solar system. Today it is more than 66 astronomical units from Farth Ione All is the distance between Earth and Sun), and radio signals take more than 18 hours to go to and iro, at a

Last month, in a remarkable manoeuvre,



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deep cold of space for 90 minutes, then turning it on again, would cause a thermal shock that would damage it. But it came back on perfectly."

Pioneer 10 was moved so that its

radio aerial pointed back to-

wards the Earth. It had drifted

off line so that the signal.

already the tiniest fraction of a

microwatt, was weaker still. To

produce enough power from its

failing generator, the spacecraft

transmitter had to be turned off

during the manoeuvre, and

then turned on again. To the joy

says Dr Larry Lasher, project

manager for Pioneer at Nasa's

Ames research centre in Cali-

fornia. "We worried that turn-

ing off the transmitter in the

"This is almost miraculous."

of the controllers, it worked.

Professor Van Allen's experiment, the only one on Pioneer 10 still being provided with power, measures the intensity of cosmic radiation. As the spacecraft gets further and further from the Sun, there will eventually come a point when radiation from outside will exceed that from the Sun, marking the true boundary of the solar system - the heliopause. When Pioneer 10 was launched, this was thought to be no further out than the orbit of Jupiter — "a very large underesti-mate", as Professor Van Allen remarks. Now we think the heliopause is about 120 astronomical units away - still way beyond where Pioneer 10 has reached."

#### Mud that cleared up a potted history



HERE'S a new excuse for not doing the washing up. Archaeologists at Southampton University have solved the mystery of an Erruscan pot by studying the dirt on its surface. They believe the technique may be of more general use in

archaeology. The pot, a kantharos, or drinking-cup, was found in a university strongroom in 1993, with no records of its provenance. Attached was a handwritten label reading: "Etruscan kantharos? Romano-British? Dug up near New Hall Cheshire. Bought by VSF out of a Brokers shop some years ago. 1911."

VSP was thought to refer to Vivian de Sola Pinto, who took up the chair of English at Southampson in 1926. To test the pot's authenticity, archaeologists examined a fragment of its clay, and found it matched clays from southern Etruria.

They then studied soil found in crevices on the cup. They found they could match the fresh crystals of green augite on the cup with Italian black sand. That means the label was wrong, and the cup had been dug up in Italy. "Normally when artefacts are dug up, they are washed," Dr David Williams, one of the team involved says, "Sometimes it doesn't pay to clean off all the dirt".

#### Flying danger to Spanish geraniums



A BUTTERFLY from South Africa is spreading panic through the window-boxes of Spain. Its caterpillars are destroying the geraniums which are found on balconies, windowsills and ter-

races throughout the country, and which are normally so hardy that even the most incompetent gardener can grow them. The butterfly, Cacyreus marshall, was first spotted in Majorca in 1989, and by last summer was the most common on the island. It spread to the mainland and,

lacking the predators that control it in South Africa, started to do serious damage. The larvae bore into flowers and leaves, developing into short, green caterpillars with white hairs and three red stripes. These drill galleries into the stalks, interrupting the flow of sap and killing the plants. The butterflies have reached the Pyrenees

and are expected to cross into France this spring. The economic effects in Spain are considerable, since geraniums account for 13 per cent of total garden centre turnover. But British garderners should not panic yet: two Cacyreus caterpillars were found in Cheshunt as long ago as 1978, but never spread. With luck, it may be too cold here for the butterfly to flourish.







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# But is it art?

three decades of erotic photographs from the country where images of near-naked women adom every billboard and game show girls can resemble soft porn stars (indeed many are porn stars), the appropriateness of staging such an exhibition at a venue dedicated to fine and applied arts was not questioned. The main preoccupation of the Italian media was

gossiping about who attended the launch party. But as the *Times* critic John Russell Taylor noted in his review of the opening, the Pirelli pictures raise complex aesthetic questions: what is art? And is value intrinsic to, or conferred on, a work? What activities does the word "culture" actually describe? And is a photograph of a naked supermodel with a sanddusted bottom to be judged by the same criteria as, say, a

At a meeting next week in London, executives from Pirelli, the Italian tyre and cable group, will seek to persuade the Victoria and Albert Museum that its calendar is indeed a work of art and deserves a major exhibition. It is an audacious move: a bit like asking the Uffizi to provide gallery space for a tribute to the art of Hugh Heiner's Playboy. Or perhaps Pirelli are simply exploiting the crazy relativism of an age that lauds Damien Hirst's sheep suspended in a tank of formaldehyde and Gilbert and George's experimentations with urine and excreta as high art.

Once viewed as little more than a sleazy promotional gimmick, The Calendar, as it is known at Pirelli, now offers a showcase for the world's A-list photographers and models. Richard Avedon, Herb Ritts, Norman Parkinson and Ailen Jones have all worked on it: Bruce Weber, whose stylised, overlit images are the engine driving Calvin Klein's global advertising campaign, has been commissioned to produce the 1998 edition — the first to feature men alongside the obligatory semi-naked supermodels. It will cost something like £1.5 million to produce. Small change for a group with a turnover of £5

But according to its critics the

#### Should the Victoria and Albert Museum stage an exhibition of Pirelli Pirelli calendar opened at the Palazzo Grassi in Venice. In a nudes? Jason Cowley reports

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rubbish," the photographer Bri- a naked woman is bad. an Duffy famously said after "And yet some of the best an Duffy famously said after working on several calendars. "The pomposity of the Pirelli people is amazing." The art critic Philip Hensher agrees. The Pirelli photographs are not art. They have no place at the V&A or any other serious museum. Institutions such as these should have nothing to do with Pirelli.

"I know Pirelli argues that artists have painted nudes all through history and that there is nothing wrong with photo-graphs of nudes, especially if they are tastefully done by famous photographers. But the Pirelli pictures are terrible, precisely because they are tastefully done. One of the great things

about nudes in the history of art is that they have been the most unbelievable filth, not stylised titillation.

There is a place for this kind of exhibition at. say, a museum of popular culture. You can't blame Pirelli for trying; it's their business to promote their image. But their calendar isn't art: it's conventional silli-

ness." Ursula Owen, co-founder of Virago and now chief executive of index on Censorship, is troubled by the pictures, but for different reasons. She thinks they may be exploitative of women, though she supports Pirell's right to stage an exhibition.
"As with Page Three, the

Pirelli pictures are tacky and may cause distress to women, but censorship is not the answer. We do live in a misogynistic society, but opposing the Pirelli photographs being shown at the V&A would solve nothing."

Colin Ford, founding director of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford, said the Pirelli photographs posed problems for any serious curator. "I can understand why there is resistance to the exhibition. There is a line of argument saying that these photographs. are sleazy and exploitative and

photographers in the world have worked for Pirelli. Richard Avedon is a brilliant photographer by anyone's standard. If I had to make a decision on whether to give the go-ahead to an exhibition of this kind at the V&A, I would be more supportive than for, say, an exhibiton of Robert Mapplethorpe's work. which is difficult, unpleasant and exploitative in a way that Pirelli isn't.

"Of course, the photographers are working within a genre but, at the same time, they are subverting that genre by producing work that is subtle, witty and complex. They are great photog-

raphers, not porn merchants, and their photographs chall-enge expectations as They're all good art should."
When the Pirelli producing calendar was estabwork lished in 1964, few grand artistic claims which is were made for it. As the cult around it

> graphs became more lavish and explicit. The 1973 edition, a collaboration between Allen Jones and Brian Duffy, flirted with fetishism and sado-masochism. One photograph, which depicts ice-cream melting on to a woman's breasts, was banned by the then Pirelli chairman Leopoldo

grew, so the photo-

A year later, Pirelli announced that it would commission no more calendars - because, says communications manager Julie Navior, "we thought we were becoming better known for our calendars than for our tyres".

It was eventually relaunched in 1984, the old vulgarity replaced by a more stylised eroticism. But it struggled to recapture the old lustre until. in 1994, Herb Ritts was hired to photograph Cindy Crawford, Helena Christensen and Kate Moss sprawling on white sand on Honeymoon Island in the Bahamas. The photographs were Pirelli photographs have no place at the V&A or any other dignified. The calendar the calendar is shouldn't be given exhibition asserted itself as the ultimate what is art and what is soft porn corporate marketing device; and and what is decent and what is decent and what is decent and what is not be cally correct line which the trend for using celebrity dars are a pretentious load of old says that any picture of photographers and models was inclusive."

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Ms Naylor will spearhead discussions with the V&A Unswayed by criticism, she is confident that the museum will respond to Pirelli's initiative. Pirelli has held parties at the V&A, and sponsored the transformation of the central quadrangle into a model of a 16th century Renaissance garden in

"The exhibition is going on tour to Milan and New York; we hope to bring it to the Victoria & Albert Museum early next year. if that doesn't work out we shall target the Tate. I was at the opening in Venice and it was exceptionally well received. There was nothing there that was really raunchy, nothing to cause offence. We have close links with the V&A and believe it is the perfect venue for the

Ms Naylor dismisses any sug-gestion that the photographs are vulgar or exploitative. "The photographs have become more and more beautiful over the years and appeal as much to women as men. In fact, of the requests I get for people wanting to buy a calendar, 98 per cent come from

hether Pirelli will succeed remains a grey area. While reluctant to discuss the forthcoming meeting, the V&A's spokeswoman, Tracey Williamson, says, "It's true that we have close links with Pirelli, but I'm not sure if its exhibition is something that we would give space to." There was a similar message from the Tate Gallery: "The Tate has no plans for any such exhibition because our schedule is full for the next two

There was some encourage ment, however, from Sir Roy Strong. As a former director of the V&A for 12 years, he worked closely with Pirelli on the Italian garden. "They were very gener-ous sponsors," he recalls. "One ought not to be snooty about them; you should judge photographs on their own merit and Pirelli use some very good photograpers. I have no problem with titillation: a lot of pictures in the past have been produced to titillate and they are on the walls of the National Gallery. Anyway,



Naomi Campbell photographed by Richard Avedon for the 1995 Firelli calendar. Does it compare with a Matisse





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# Simple steps to a healthy life

In part one of our series on natural ways to achieve pood health. Shyam Singha explains how to maintain pour ledy's balance without resorting to drugs

searched for an ambrosia, a panacea, a secret formula which would provide relief from illness, and offer longevity, eternal youth, strength, and stamina.

The old approach to medication was to make the body strong by purging it of debris, old blood, and toxins, and feeding it with nutritious food. Modern medicine does not worry about food, but concerns itself mainly with pathogens — bacteria and viruses. But it often happens that when you kill the bacteria or viruses, you also harm the host. Bacteria which are subdued by a drug mutate and change and return to affect us again, in a more virulent manner than before. In the end, chronic disease increases and the resistance of the body is lowered.

Good health involves listening to the body.

Once we learn this art, many illnesses can be overcome by allowing the body to heal and re-balance itself without resorting to drugs and chemicals, which could well be the primary cause of the breakdown of our immune systems

The Western approach to treatment seeks to persuade us that one specific remedy can be applied to a given symptom, regardless of the individual. But specific causes can be different for each person. This approach induces us to be date of health is insensitive to our bodies, to ignore the first signs of discomfort and imbalance. And then, when it is almost too late, we subject ourselves to a massive over-reaction of Western-style drugs.

It is like ignoring the first signs when your car is not running properly, waiting until it finally breaks down at some inconvenient time, and then involving yourself in paying a huge bill for the eventual repair. A little preventative medicine to rectify the disorder would be far more convenient, and save you from a large subse-A more considered approach to health would

save us from the damaging side-effects of modern" medicine, by noticing the mild disorder earlier and practising preventative medicine. A number of commonly available foods or simple remedies can supply this

hen the body tells you, "I am experiencing discomfort", the discomfort will become disease if you fail to listen. The important lesson is to learn to "catch it early".

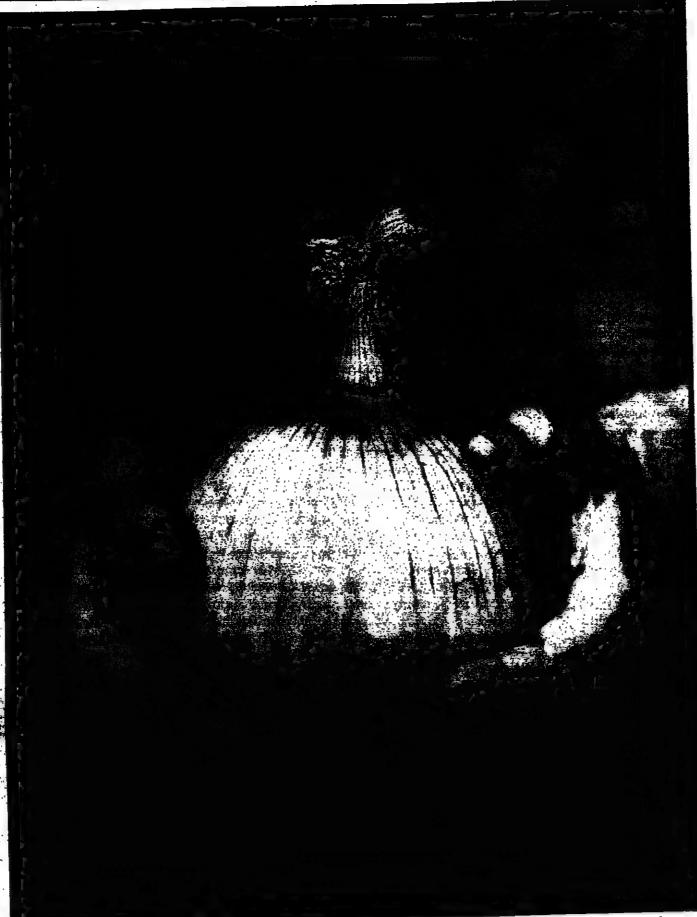
Our tendency is to suppress what the body is saying, with or without drugs. Although we may take aspirin or paracetamol for a a headache, the headache is still there even though we no longer feel it. If the condition is suppressed rather than expressed, it may become inflammation. Thereafter, more drastic measures are called for, such as operations to remove tonsils, appendix or kidney stones. But surgery does not necessarily remove the cause of an Illness. There gentle ways to help the body. We can freat a lisease by increasing the energy of the body, so that it can heal itself. We treat the body from the

inside out, instead from the outside in.

Good health also requires regular mainte nance of our bodies and monitoring of our lives. The listening to discomforts in a whole way, rather than 25 a

specific and particular set of symptoms. While I am not advocating the non-use of medication, I am strongly against the unnecessary, continuous, and repetitive use of medication without regular evaluation. Many ailments are caused by an inappropriate lifestyle and bad eating habits. It is an old truism that "we are what we cat".

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## The enemies — and how to defeat them

COLDS

A cold is your friend, rather than your enemy. It is the body's response to foreign invasion. The acute production of fluids is the body's way to expel the invaders. The important point is that your immune system was so debilitated that the invaders saw your body as benign to themselves. Antibiotics will help, but the more sensible, longterm approach is to render your body hostile to inter-

Tone up your body with a hot bath followed by a cold shower. Eat more anti-catarrhal foods, such as onions. garlic, chives, ginger - food that is hot, bitter, astringent, rather than sweet, sour and salt. Drink hot lemon and honey. To relieve a rough throat combined with a cold. chew 20 peppercorns and drink a cup of hot water. The relief is usually immediate. Repeat this cure every four

hours. The popular myth that you should starve a fever and feed a cold is incorrect. The opposite is the case. Starve the cold and feed the fever. When you have a fever, the body needs energy to fight it. It should be fed slowly.

#### CYSTITIS

An attack of cystitis can be caused by inflammation of the urethra. Infection can be communicated to the kidneys. It is important to drink as much liquid as possible. Mix one teaspoon of finely grated lemon rind - not the juice - with one teaspoon ground cinna-mon. Boil in 1.5 litres of water and drink while hot. If no lemon or cinnamon is available, drink warm cranberry

#### HANGOVERS

For a champagne hangover: add one teaspoon of coarse black pepper and ice cubes to orange juice. Wine hangover: add one tablespoon port and one tablespoon brandy to one cup of hot water. General

hangover: add the juice of two lemons and one teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda to a cup hot water.

#### HAY FEVER

Wheat red meat, sugar and milk products increase susceptibility. Substitute honey, molasses and maple syrup for sugar; soya bean milk or unpasteurised goat's milk products for cow's milk products; maize, rice, barley. buckwheat and oats for wheat: fish and poultry for red meat.

For immediate relief: mix one teaspoon of salt in a cup of filtered cold water. Sniff through the nose, until the result emerges via the mouth. It will help to clean the sinuses. Insert a drop of pure sesame oll into each nostril before going to bed.

#### HEADACHES

A headache is more a symptom than a disease, so do not suppress it. Instead, attempt to identify the cause. The main reason is usually lack of elimination; when the liver is overworked, for instance, and cannot properly detoxify your system. When you have a headache, try to understand the signs, and listen carefully with your mind and your intuition. If you require instant reitef, use white willow bark tea instead of a pill.

#### VERRUCAS

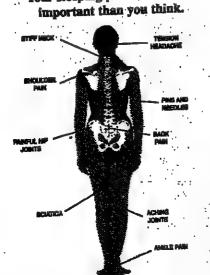
The first way to deal with a verruca is to make the skin accidic by having Epsom salts baths. Then clean the entire area with apple cider vinegar. Once a verruca begins to spread, it is difficult to contain and becomes most painful.

The simplest and most effective remedy is to bake a small onion, remove the centre, and put the onion on the verruca. Leave it in place overnight. Repeat each day. Warts: put your saliva on the warts as many times as possible during the day. You

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#### **VISUAL ART**

The Tate mounts the first major British exhibition of painting by Lovis Corinth **OPENS: Thursday** REVIEW: Topporrow



MUSIC

The Barbican goes Gallic, as Michael Tilson Thomas opens the LSO's Debussy series **CONCERT: Thursday** REVIEW: Monday

bought a yoke the other day. It could have been lifted out of one of Thomas Hardy's novels. Beautifully bowed and balanced, it has stayed unchanged since before the writing of Genesis and was still commonplace in our rural counties no more than half a dozen generations ago.

This one is leathered about the length which straddles the neck. and a chain is manacled to each end, and so although it could have been for a beast it was most likely made for a human drudge, a hauler of pails of water or buckets

Polished now, and pegged onto the wall of the shop like a painting or a mirror it has become in our century an ornament. The long link with oxen - still yoked together in certain parts of the world - has vanished from this country and the odds are that even on University Challenge many young contestants might puzzle over it. It is a magnificently simple piece of work, like so many of the wooden implements used for

His yoke is easy and it hangs on my wall farming. It is poignant that imple-

ments often used for the most

arduous and repetitive work

should now seem as attractive as,

say, a piece of sculpture; more

attractive than some modern Just as those who built the monumental works of stone in Egypt were doing it not for art but religion and power and only later was art discovered in them, so, I believe, on a more mundane level, the diurnal artefacts of common life, freed by time from their original purpose, float into

most of the new sculptures - but that is another discussion. There is not a single old agricultural implement which I possess

another sphere and bear compari-

son with much that can be found

in contemporary galleries. In fact,

I can see an argument mounted

that would have a yoke outlast

which does not look finely made. whether it is a pig bristle scraper or a scythe or a wooden bowl. Not that I have much of a collection, just a few bits picked up along the way when historical curiosity has been prodded by an unusually pleasing object. They are still remarkably cheap. Even my yoke, which, if given the artistically correct chic contemporary title could fetch a four or a five-figure sum, is comfortably within two

rary art. It is, though, to point out that art seems to make up its own mind where it chooses to take up occupation and can as soon appear in a vulgar folk song as in an intricate symphony, in a well-rubbed ballad as in a wellwrought poem, in a traditional dance as in a balletic spectacular, in the plough share as in a torment



able to blame people for not buying enough contemporary art, and there is nothing to match the particular thrill of feeling at one with your own time by recognising, as you think, something lasting.

But there is also the matter of resonance. This can degenerate into the collecting by numbers which furnishes so many walls although if this is what you want; who am I to point the finger? The commonplace implements I'm speaking of are outside accepted drawing room art; they were not made for decoration but for use, and although their decorative vaine is now extremely high, in my opinion, there are many who annot throw away their association with toil and do not want to get their hands dirty. I could make the same claims for the great relics of the Industrial Revolution: steam engines, massive machines of all kinds, altars of skill and imagina-

It is also remarkable how few of the most common objects remain.

This is not too hard to understand. They were abandoned once their purpose was made obsolete. Perhaps up and down the country there are tens of thousands of yokes such as mine, but I rather doubt it.

The yoke is not just a yoke, of course, but like any other ancient artefact it has been the breeding ground for metaphor. Couples have been yolked together
"We have been joined together
with the yoke of holy matrimony".
The yoke has bowed down the neck in servinude - The yoke of bondage". The word is used most poignantly by Militan on his blindness: "Who best bares his

mild yoke, they serve Him best". How long will the energy of the metaphors for yoke continue to inform our language in any vital sease? Many of our agricultural

metaphors are like false teeth: in the right place, looking good, but fatally out of contact with the rest of the apparatus.

In our increasingly urban soci-cty how much does "ploughing a straight furrow really mean? There are hundreds of others. Sometimes I think that the huge variety of country imagery will subside in our literature and become rather like dialects are today - regarded as merely quaint and opeque to most readers.

About 10,000 years ago a major revolution took place when we swung from the hunter-scavenger path to that of the agriculturalist. We at this moment may be experiencing just as radical a change as human kind swings yet again, this time from agriculture to the city. Perhaps we're on a different track to a different desti-nation needing different skills and

different imagery.

My yoke will be like a relic from past time, a beton which I can hand on as evidence that this was once the way we lived.

OPERA IN CARDIFF AND BIRMINGHAM

## New look at an old friend

ebruary is *Carmen* month: ten days ago a popular version at the Albert Hall, last Saturday a new Weish National Opera production, while another new staging is playing at the Bastille Opera - report next week. This WNO Carmen, given in French with the original spoken dialogue, ls strikingly fresh. Every note, every word, has been weighed and considered anew. There is no hint of tradition or routine. You may not agree with everything that happens, but you have to admire the painsing intelligence behind it all.

The conductor Robert Spano takes full advantage of the size of a theatre for which the piece was composed to give a sparkling account of the score. Woodwind is always to the fore, textures are ideally crisp, phrases are really phrased (sometimes overphrased), staccato markings faithfully observed. The colourful detail of Bizer's instrumentation is lovingly realised - the harpist has an especially good evening. The sound is bright, buoyant, invigorating. Some of Spano's tempos are perhaps too deliberate, he has a penchant for gluey ritardandos, and his reading is light on humour, but simply as sound it is irresistible.

It is hard to describe the production by Patrice Caurier and Moshe Leiser without making it sound off-puttingly austere. Christian Fenouillat's permanent set consists of a brightly coloured Howard Hodgkin-style front cloth, an abstract Turner-ish back wall. the odd chair and table, and that's it. Mood is controlled by

Christophe Forey's sparing use of light. There are no extras, no dancers, and they are missed only at Lilias Pastia's, which is too dull a dive for licentious soldiery to visit. We, the audience, are the passers-by in the first act and the processions in the last, with the WNO Chorus at their lustiest singing Les voici right down at the floats.

Carmen New Theatre, Cardiff

There is little, then, to distract from concentration on the music and the drama. The directors are not afraid of stillness, indeed they insist on it, on people just standing and singing. The chorus groupings are wonderfully eloquent. The children (excellent) don't just do a number, they take part in the show. The drama is played out quite unsparingly: you may think you know Carmen but you will still be on the edge of your seat at the raw human tragedy played out before you. The marder is pitilessly grue-some. All of which said, the production, like the conducting, is a little light on humour.

characterisation of Carmen herself, roundly sung by Sara Fulgorii. She treats the Habanera as an interior monologue: the listeners are almost incidental. She is more vulnerable than provocative - indeed, there is a touch of Verdi's Violetta to her. Life has treated her rough, she's thinking of settling down, and similarly chooses the wrong man. The sheer joy on Fulgoni's face as she runs to José on his release from jail speaks of a woman deeply in love, and her disillusion and resentment at his able. This is a highly original

Most interesting of all is the

John Daszak's honestly sung José is more conventional but no less harrowing for that. Bruno Caproni makes a dour rather than dashing Toreador, and sings his song powerfully. Alwyn Mellor is the vocally radiant, positive and heroic Micaela. A thoughtful, original production, then, and one to remind you that as well as being one of the most popular of all operas, Carmen in its Indefinable multifacetedness is also one of

interpretation.



RODNEY MILNES Sara Fulgoni delivers a "highly original interpretation" in the title role of Welsh National Opera's unconventional new production of Carmen

## Doubling gets the cauldron bubbling

PREMIERED exactly 150 years ago, Macbeth is an "early" Verdi opera sometimes thought to have a few problematic passages - the witches' and murderers' music, for instance. But it can also be seen as Verdi's first great work. Perhaps these

judgments depend on the quality of the latest produc-tion one has seen, for the new City of Birmingham Touring Opera production puts it unmistakably in the "great" category. The show, which should

not be missed as it tours from Hexham to Newport on the Isle of Wight until April 12, does full justice to the work while nevertheless scaling it down. This company is, of course, in a class above most of the country's other travelling operatic outfits, and what really distinguished the open-ing night at the Mayfair Suite in Birmingham's Bullring Centre was the smoothly rehearsed way in which singing, playing and staging were all channelled into an evening of gripping musical theatre.

Much of the drama is supplied by the orchestra. thanks to Julian Philips's ingenious one to a part ar-

rangement (the harpist is pressed into second percus-

Macbeth Birmingham

sion service), which preserves tinta. It is tightly played by the CBTO band under Richard Farnes, who conducts with flexibility and stylish In its first version, not

Verdi's grander reworking for Paris, Macbeth was written for the small Florentine Teatro della Pergola, and Matthew Richardson's pro-duction shows just what intibe. This Macbeth is played out in Gideon Davey's camera-lens box set, always sharptle walls are evoked in the indoor scenes, and every-where else the box provides a strong visual frame for the striking simplicity by Robert

the opera moves with compel-

ling power. Nine singers cover all the parts, minor characters and chorus included. In the title role Mark Holland presented a big, robust baritone; more varied worst colour and some softer dynamics might put tormented emotion into his singing to match his vivid physical portrayal of the inted, deranged ruler.

Helen Walker makes a strong, steely Lady Macbeth, with a bright, firm tone that thins out only at the very top. She sings words, in Andrew Porter's eloquent translation, with communicative durity. something unfortunately lacking in David Marsh's sonorous Banquo. Stepben Rooke is a good Macduff, and the trio of athletic witches, Margaret Prece, Teresa Shaw and Lyane McAdam, make much of their supposedly problematic music.

JOHN ALLISON

I HAVE a theory that Lope de Classy, Vega took his prejudices very seriously indeed. However subtle his poetry, however novel his structures, Spain's but nasty first great playwright was a shrewd populist with crude targets. Any sympathy he evokes in The Jewess of

Toledo for the loose Rachel, the victim of a doomed affair Alfonso's English Queen, a sulky Charlotte Christie, with an infatuated Castillian. king, is spiked by a far more obvious antipathy towards a smells a rat and the play routinely maligned race. spirals into a tug-of-war with in Lope's tragedies the the king's soul. Moor is always at the back door and male honour is in

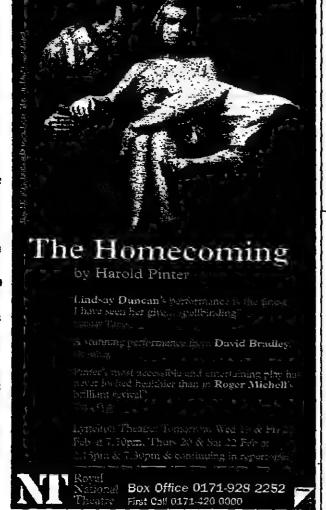
Performed on a huge round table by a cast of 17, Colin Ellwood's production is a triumph of clarity over tready melodrama and rumbling thunderstorms. Ben Hayward, who cannot be much more than 11, plays young Alfonso with terrific gumption. Simon Chadwick turns the older version into a compelling psychotic.

My only complaint is that Ellwood treads too carefully around Michael Jacobs's superb translation. The actors over-egg their purple mo-ments, and whole scenes could be lost, with minimal damage; particularly chunks where gossiping noblemen exchange entire chapters before they get to the point.

What Eliwood does get right is a balance between Vega's carnivorous passions and Jacobs's dry humour. "Why me?" shrieks Rachel's innocent sister as she is put to the sword. "It makes it more dramatic," says David Birrell's nobleman with irrefutable logic and despicable

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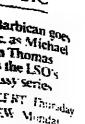
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OPERA



Steve Earle - six times married, once imprisoned - pours out his heart at the Mean Fiddler

REVIEW: Monday

ARTS **TUESDAY TO FRIDAY** IN SECTION 2

## The nets big thing?

YOU might have thought that this was an unfamiliar name for such a sizeable venue, but the Empire was small fry for Phish. They will follow this sell-out show with an Albert Hall date in June.

Phish are the latest American group to reap the rewards of endless road work, with record success following some years later. Like Hootie and the Blowfish, the Dave Matthews Band and others, their future has the firmest of foundations because their devoted fans helped them to

So for one night only, the Empire assumed the atmo-

POP

**Phish** Empire, W12

sphere and aroma of a festival venue of the mid-1970s. Phish have been honoured, or perhaps saddled, with the notion of direct descendancy from the Grateful Dead and, as lead singer and guitarist Trey Anastasio sparked up another marathon solo to the nimble accompaniment of Page McConnell on piano and organ, you suddenly knew why. Here is a band that plays an 80-minute set, then announces it will be back for the second half shortly.

But this was no exercise in freeform dropout. Phish play with discipline, an ear, for melody and, on occasion, endearing waggishness. Squinting through his Lennon specs, Anastasio looks like a cross between Eric Clapton and Robbie Krieger of the Doors.

Their piece of the rock may seem to belong to a more beatific time, but their progressive pendencies are deco-rated with jazz and \$8.8, sometimes taking fillen into Red Hot Chili Beopers

Live, they are just as likelyto mix the robust Character Zero with the vulnerable and charming Waste, and to veer stra, faithful to Deodato's iazzpop yersion, to a spoof country noedown, to bassist Mike Gordon's cheesy rerus of the Elvis chestnut Love Me. "Vermont's Phinest", proclaimed a T-shirt worn by one of their faithful. Never mind Deadheads, the Albert Hall had prepare for the Phishbeads.

PAUL SEXTON



A British feast for the eyes: Ralph Fiennes stars as the Sahara explorer Count Almasy in Anthony Minghella's film The English Patient, one of the strongest entries in this year's Berlin Film Festival

## Exploring the celluloid universe

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CINEMA: Geoff Brown surveys the oddballs, and the Oscar hopefuls, at this year's edition of the Berlin Film Festival, which opened on Thursday

o what shall it be today? A Dutch story of youngsters set, lethno-parties and drug dependency, or a delicacy from Azerbaijan about a girl's life with her paralysed father? Possibly you could muster life strength to watch Sick: The Life and Death of Bob Flanagan, Supermasochist, or spend four and a haif hours with Fred Kelemen's Frost, following the odyssey of a mother and child through the bonders of dream and

through the borders or arean and reality.

Surrounded ship to many objects from the farifiest reaches of the cellular districts, it is tempting at the Berlin Elim Festival to plump for the sain bet. Like Anthony Minghelia The English Parient, newly garlanded, with 12 Oscar nominations, and one of the stronger entries in berlin's competition section. To be licent, it is pushing things to think the a purely British triumph: like stost ventures of the Berkeley-based producer Saul Zaentz, if draws on talent from all over the world. Filming took place in Italy and Turisia, whose desert sands, sculpted by light and shade into the shape of a woman's body. form the first startling images. Michael Ondaatje's novel of love. betrayal and revenge in and around

metaphors and interlocked plot

lines; and Minghella does a decent job of maintaining the intellectual rigour while pulling you into a love story and supplying a feast for the

in one way the film is indubitably British, in its focus on repressed emotions, Raiph Fiennes's Sahara explorer Count Almasy may be Hungarian by birth, but he flys the Union Jack with his buttoned down demeanour, and takes the longest while to respond openly to the glances of the aristocratic Kristin Scott Thomas. The love affair's cool temperature will probably restrict the film's popular appeal; but connoisseurs should be fairly content when the film opens in Britain

Nationality is an issue, too, in Smilla's Sense of Snow, which opened the festival on Thursday. You're of Greenlandic descent. Julia Ormand is told. This is difficult to believe, though Bille August's adaptation of the bestselling novel by Peter Hoeg depends on us sensing Smilla's kinship to: muit culture and the Arctic wastes. The young scientist lives in Copenhagen, a city largely populated by English and Irish actors, until her

obsession with the fatal fall of a sixyear-old boy from her aperiment block roof sends her back to the glaciers for a confrontation with a teorite, a prehistoric worm and the dreaded Richard Harris.

Ormand captures well enough some aspects of Smilla's character: the damaged outcast afraid to love; the fearless woman in a man's world. But she lacks the weight to carry the film: and August never quite generates sufficient tension to make the film work as a

Many of the American movies in Berlin are all of a piece in their subject-matter. sex and sexual identity. In the

Panorama section, a day does not go by without members of an all-girl band going on the rampage in Seattle (Kristine Peterson's Slaves to the Underground) or HIV-positive drag queens accosting politicians with syringes (Stephen Winter's Chocolate Bables).

No film, however, tackles sex with such breadth and comic flourish as

Milos Forman's The People vs. Larry Fignt. After his three period escapades of the 1980s - Ragtime, Amadeus and Valmont — it is a sweet delight to see the Czech émigré doing what he does best: observing contemporary manners. Forman's subject is the real-life

publisher of Hustler magazine who took his belief in the freedom of expression to the floor of the Supreme Court. Woody Harrelson does nothing to make the porno businessman especially likeable; but you have to sistence and cheek

when he survives paraivsis and the loony goes before one court wearing a diaper decorated with the Stars and Stripes. You also have to admire the performance of singer Courtney Love - wonderful as the stripper who becomes Flynt's devot-

The jury judging Larry Flynt and others is headed by Jack Lang, the former Minister of Culture who Injected \$300 million into the French

film industry during his first five years. Imagine Virginia Bottomley chairing a jury at an international film festival. Still, Britain is contributing one jury member. David Hare; and his latest film. The Designated Mourner, a barely cinematic transfer of Wallace Shawn's play, is on show as a mark of respect. The film serves a historical function by preserving the National Theatre performances, but the sterility of the images does nothing to improve the chances of the elitist culture that Shawn's talk marathon

sees as being under attack. Britain is also fielding a 100 per cent British film in competition: Twin Town, a rough and violent slice of Swansea life from the TV actor and documentary-maker Kevin Allen. At first the film marks time with in-your-face comedy about local criminals and drug-happy layabouts. Then a revenge plot kicks in, involving urination, a dismembered gives the film some much-needed muscle, though it hardly encourages any more finesse. Boisterously performed, and gratuitously unpleas-ant at times, Twin Town is all set to ioin Shallow Grave and Trainspotting as a flag-bearer for the new regional British cinema.

fare, not much has been stirring so far in the competition section. though Port Djema, a promising first stab at direction by the French producer Eric Heumann, offers much solid atmosphere wrapped around a hesitant story. We are in East Africa, a former French colony torn apart by rival ethnic factions. A Paris doctor, rather solemnly played by Jean-Yves Dubois, arrives to pick up the traces of a friend, recently murdered. A French Embassy fel-low terms his activities "existential tourism". The phrase also characterises the whole film, but at least the postcards Heumann sends home are nicely photographed. Another producer turned director.

Gerardo Herrero, shows his mettle in Comanche Territory. which oitches a Spanish TV anchorwoman into the war in Sarajevo. Sudden gun-fire and the surreal landscape of destruction offset the same old story about the ethics of war reporting. At one point the reporters are compared to a travelling circus, never at home, always at some hotspot or other, filing copy until death from land mines or sniper fire intervenes. This could almost describe film critics on the festival circuit, except that we rarely die. except occasionally of boredom.

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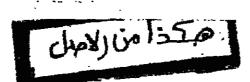
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## **America** finds a new strategist

Bronwen Maddox on Madeleine

Albright's European tour

adeleine Albright, the first American . Secretary of State since Henry Kissinger in the mid 1970s to have superstar status, arrives in London tomorrow on her inaugural tour of nine world capitals in II days. That flamboyant demonstration of stamina is intended to be the start of a sustained bid to set American foreign policy on a clearer, more successful course than it has followed for years.

The buzz that has accompanied her appointment is such that Newsweek magazine pronounced Washington to be "Mad about Madeleine". The recent revelation that her parents, Czech refugees, were Jewish - a fact she says she did not know herself - has added to her mystique. She is not shy of invoking the symbolism of her rise to eminence: "I think I really am the embodiment of the turbulence of the 20th century, as well as of the tolerance and optimism

of the United States." But she has also been criticised for lacking Dr Kissinger's encompassing vision of what foreign policy should be. Beyond her undenlable gift for

tough talk and fluent soundbites, the question is whether she can bring coherence to a foreign policy that has for years been notably erratic.

Not since Dr Kissinger's day has America had a Secretary of State who plausibly claimed to have an all-encompassing strategy.
According to his

doctrine of Realpolitik, foreign policy should be dictated by a cool assessment of America's interests, rather than by the pursuit of ideological principles, "special" friendships or an emotional response to foreign tragedies.

Administrations have since then regularly departed from that philosophy. Ronald Reagan gave his foreign policy a strong ideological overlay; Dr Kissinger has since called this a naïve and mistaken approach, but concedes that it was successful. The end of the Cold War, which was widely interpreted in the United States as a triumph for American values, has been taken by many in Washington as justification for developing a more explicitly ideological foreign

policy. However, one of the main charges against President Clinton is that his foreign policy in his first term lacked any consistent motivation. On one side, disciples of Realpolitik argue that much of his policy has had no obvious connection with American interests; some caustically suggest that the interventions in Haiti, Somalia and Zaire, for instance, were inspired mainly

by the images on CNN, But from the other side, Mr Clinton is criticised by tradi-tional Democratic liberals. They argue that America might do more good as the world's social worker than as its firefighter in small bitter wars, and that Mr Clinton should battle harder with Congress to preserve the foreign aid budget. Mr Clinton has received grudging praise from leading Democrats and Republicans for giving America a central role in some of the

world's most intractable diplomatic negotiations, such as those over the Middle East, Bosnia and Northern Ireland. But critics argue that these frustrating talks, where America's success as broker depends entirely on the warring parties' interest in peace, have been allowed to dominate the State Department's agenda, at

the cost of more serious issues. Above all, critics argue, Mr Clinton has muddied or worsened America's most important foreign relationships. In the case of Europe, he paid too little attention to the potential damage caused by the Helms-Burton Act penalising those who trade with Cuba. Towards China, the Administration has wavered, originally adopting a tough stance on human rights, but more recently giving way to mercantilist rhetoric, elevating trade policy to the heart of foreign

Bringing clarity to this confusion is a tall order. But judging from her current trip, there are excellent reasons to think that Madeleine Albright will rise to the challenge. The most encouraging sign is her shrewdness in picking the enlargement of Nato as her main theme of all of her

meetings in Europe and Russia. The There are planned enlargement of Europe's excellent security umbrella to reasons to cover Hungary, Pothink that Republic is of obvious personal intershe will rise est to her. But it is to the also appears particularly fruitful ground. For a start. America's role in challenge

the enlargement negotiations is essential and clear. Even more important, the tenor of the talks will define America's relations with Russia and, to a lesser extent, with Europe.

The talks will not be straightforward, however. The meeting in Paris will be dominated by the unresolved question of whether Nato's southern forces will be commanded by an American, or. as France wants, by a European. But already Madeleine Albright is clarifying the Administration's position.

In particular, she has made it clear that she is sceptical about Russian claims that enlargement would fuel dangerous turmoil. In a signed article in this week's Economist, she writes: "It is a mistake to think that the fate of Russian democracy is somehow at stake in the enlargement debate. It would not be in our interest to delay or derail enlargement in re-sponse to the claims of some Russians that this constitutes an offensive act."

She is also using the trip as a canny sales pitch to the American public, to persuade them of the continued need for a US presence in Europe: "I feel that the United States must affirm its anchoring on the Old

Foreign policy was always more complicated than Dr Kissinger made it seem; the end of the Cold War has compounded its intricacy for the United States. But there is every reason to hope that even if Madeleine Albright doesn't find a label as durable as Realpolitik for her strategy. she will have brought some of the clarity and consistency that have been so lacking.

#### Even the Home Office ought to see the difference between stealing a Titian and a pint of milk

Baroness Blatch is a Minister of State at the Home Office; she speaks for the Government on Home Office matters in the House of Lords. Last Thursday I went to listen to the debate on the committee stage of the Crime (Sentences) Bill, which imposes mandatory minimum sentences on a variety of crimes, including burglary. The main issue that af-ternoon was whether judges should have the right to vary these sentences only "in exceptional circumstances", as the Government proposed, or more broadly, if specific circum-stances would make the prescribed custodial sentence unjust in all the circumstances", as the Labour Party's amendment proposed. Lady Blatch

was defending the Government's

nosition and opposing the Labour

amendments. In her reply to the debate, Lady Blatch said a number of things which worried me. She was referring to the speech of Lord Carlisle, who had himself at one time been a Home Office minister. She said: "My noble friend referred to the fact that many senior members of the judiciary support his proposals. I speak for the man on top of the bus." I recognise that judges, like ministers, can lose touch with public opinion, and need to be careful about that. Yet the contrast she made between judges who have had to think deeply about the problems of crime and sentencing and bus-riders who have not had to do so should surely he in favour of the judges. She has, I think, no right to claim a superior insight over other people into the attitudes of the man on top of the bus. No doubt plenty of men and women who sit on top of buses share the judges' view that there ought to be sufficient discretion to match sentences, even of persistent offenders, to the circumstances and

seriousness of the crime. What Lady Blatch said seemed to me to be a "know nothing" remark. The tradition of British government is that policies should be adopted

## The Lords aren't soft on crime, just sensible

only after serious study of their likely consequences. The Treasury does not settle the Budget by asking the first passenger to alight from a No 11 bus. Nor should the Home Office decided construction policy in an eigenfection. sentencing policy in so simplistic a manner. The man on the top of a bus whom Lady Blatch talks about is assumed to be overwheimed by pre-judices, and indeed Lady Blatch

rather glories in sharing them.

By itself, I would probably have let her comment go, though it shows how far populism has replaced serious analysis in the Home Office. I was rather more irritated when she went on to argue that it is snobbish to suggest that burglars who steal valuable objects should receive longer sentences than burglars who steal objects of little value. "My noble friend appears to suggest — and I find this almost offensive — that stealing valuable items from people who have such items should be taken more seriously than the persistent burglar who daily terrorises people who are much less fortunate by stealing items of lower value such as a bottle of milk, 50p from a purse or small but essential items from people who do not have very much."

Surely this is an absurd argument. Many of us have at one time or another had a bottle of milk stolen. It is an irritation, but there are very lew people for whom it is a catastrophe. It has never terrorised anyone I have met. One of the peers who voted for the Labour amendment was the Marouis of Bath. He had a Titian valued at £5 million stolen from Longlest. ought to take the theft of a bottle of milk as seriously as the theft of a Titian. She would be hard put to it to find anyone riding on the top of a bus who would share so ridiculous a conclusion. The man on the top of the bus believes that there should be big. penalties for big crimes and little penalties for little crimes. He has a ense of proportion.

Lady Blatch went on to make it clear that this disproportionate sever-ity in the minimum sentences for

repeated minor burglaries was the true intention of the Bill. She left that in no doubt. "I am simply saying that I support the proposals set out in the Bill. If someone burgles persistently, whether he steals a loaf of bread, a pint of milk, or 50p from a purse, he hould receive a sentence of at least three years." A young woman, perhaps a single mother, steals three pints of milk, perhaps from neighbouring flats, and gets caught each time. The Government, not just Lady Blatch on the top of her bus, but Michael Howard in the Home Office: the Cabinet, the Prime Minister in Downing Street, all think she should be taken away from her child and

year for each pint of milk. They would not give the trial judge, whom they probably regard as soft on crime, the discretion of mercy. "Exceptional circumstances" do not constitute a judicial discretion.

I will not go on with Baroness

Blatch's speech, except to observe the extreme implausibility of her unqualified assertion that "mandatory penalties will not lead to injustices; of course in some cases they are bound to. The difficulty arises because Mich-ael Howard confuses the need for severe punishment of serious crime with the social problem of the misfits and petry thieves who cause trouble to the police and society by their relative-ly trivial crimes: If one argues that when there have been no threats or violence, even the third theft of a bottle of milk or its equivalent should never be visited with three years in prison, what sort of reply does one get? One is accused, with wild irrelevance, of being soft on rape, murder, terrorism

and Category A drugs.

The Government, whose representative thinks it snobhish to differentiate between stealing a Titian and stealing a bottle of milk, refuses to discriminate between petty crime and serious crime. Yet without such a distinction it is not possible to have any rational policy for preventing, detecting or punishing crime. One can imagine the scene in the Frome police station. The Longleat alarm has gone off, another Titian has vanished from the wall, nothing can be done. All the Somerset and Avon CID are out,

armed with sub-machine guns, to chase the dangerous milk thieves of Norton Malreward.

In the event, a combination of 13 Law Lords, most of the crossbeach peers, a few bishops, some Conservatives, the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties, carried the amendment by 180 votes to 172. After listening to most of the debate I was happy to vote with the majority. But why should such a debate have been necessary? The Government, supported by the great majority in both Houses of Parliament, wants to counter-attack serious crime. It wants to have the Law Lords, most of the crossbench serious crime. It wants to have the police bug terrorists and drug-dealers, and it wants the courts to put rapists away for very long periods. No one is quarrelling with that.

The Government's critics take the view that this rigour towards crime should be accompanied by an equal concern for liberty and justice. We think it is right for the police to bug or burgle the most dangerous and powerful criminals, but we believe that such exceptional police powers need special supervision and prior approval. We think that persistent offenders who commit a serious offence should indeed be given long sentences. But we do not want the petty thief, the inadequate, the mentally ill, the homeless poor, or silly girls and young men to be exposed automatically to inappropriate and unjust sentences for repeated minor offences. We trust the judges, dealing with actual cases, to see that does not happen. We regard an automatic three years in prison for the third petty then as a grotesque injustice, which will bring British justice itself into disrepute. We are offended by the assertion that ordinary British people are so blind with bloodlust against even petty criminals that every bus has its top seats filled with so many Judge Jeffreys. We want the British virtues of rationality and fairness restored to Home Office policy. That is not weakness; it is

## The Three Ingratiaters

Peter Riddell

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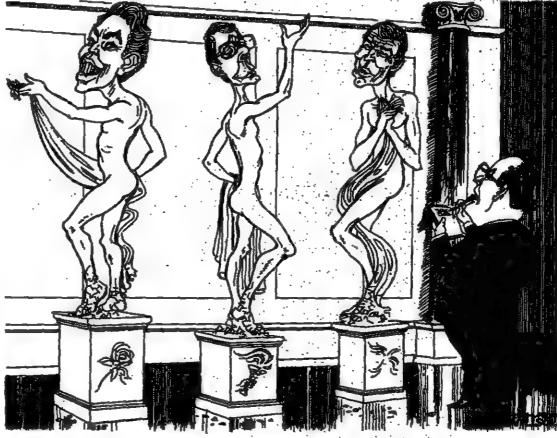
and sees the

naked truth

The battle of ideas is as important as the battle of soundbites. A party may win office by its campaigning, but it will succeed as a government only if it has won the intellectual debate. This was true of the Liberals after 1906, Labour after 1945 and, more ambiguously, after 1964, and the Tories after 1951 and 1979. Now, the direction is less clear, since Tony Blair has accepted most of the free market and public service reforms introduced since 1979.

The other day I was talking to one of John Major's closest advisers, who expressed, with uncharacteristic passion, the frustration felt in Downing Street that the media did not recognise that the Government had won the key policy arguments. He has a point. Labour is not really challenging the Tories' approach to monetary policy, taxes, public spending, com-petitiveness, the NHS, education and so forth. Of course Mr Blair is proposing changes of emphasis, many quite important, to improve the current system and make it fairer. But with the big exception of constitutional retorm, the "new" Labour programme is largely within the framework established over the past 18 years. That is precisely the complaint of many Labour intellectuals fretting at what they see as Blairite caution.

Labour's repositioning has made life harder for the Tories. This is brought out in three short new books by politician-academies which present the case for the main parties (published today by Penguin at £3.99 each). Why Vote Conservative? is by David Willetts, now chairman of the Conservative Research Department; Why Vote Labour? is by Tony Wright, a political scientist before his



election as an MP in 1992; and Why Vote Liberal Democrat? is by William Wallace, now a life peer and an international relations specialist.

There is a substantial overlap

between the Wright and Wallace books, despite the local and personal tensions between Labour and the Liberal Democrats. Their cases turn on the balance between economic efficiency and social cohesion. The strength of the Willetts book is its defence of the free market approach implemented by the Government. Without the measures taken since 1979 — and despite some horrendous errors, largely ignored by Willetts — public spending and taxes would have been much higher and Britain would have been much less competitive. Similarly, far-reaching reforms of the public sector were overdue and necessary. Only a re-elected Tory

government can, he argues, prevent these gains from being erocled. The weakness in Willetts's case is that he underestimates the social dis-location and divisions that have occurred, and brushes aside the challenge to Britain's political and consti-tutional conventions from such a long period of one-party rule. His picture of the Blairites as "constitutional militants" who want to abandon self-goverument to Brussels and transform Britain on the model of continental European social democracy circa 1980 is a grotesque carricature, not least because he accepts that the rest of

Europe is abandoning that approach. The Labour case presented by Tony Wright is a mirror image. He offers an impassioned plea against

the social divisions and dislocations of recent years, the shortcomings in

the reformed health service, the increase in child poverty, and the despair of the unemployed. His alternative is based on shared community values and collective action. Social cohesion is for Wright a precondition of economic efficiency Both Wright and Wallace highlight the shortcomings in our democracy. Wallace's book, the patchiest of the three, also makes a strong case for

"green" initiatives.

But Wright's wholesale condemnation of the Tory approach is not consistent with the fiscal caution of "new" Labour. How can Labour values, and a belief in activist. government, be reconciled with inherited Tory financial goals? Despite all of Gordon Brown's efforts, a credibility gap still exists. Labour remains unconvincing on public services in view of its past opposition not just to privatisation but to health

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and social security changes.

Wright's book should be read alongside the detailed proposals on education, unemployment and business strategy from Richard Layard of the London School of Economics In his new book What Labour Can Do. Layard admits the problem of containing public spending. He argues that there is no case for bringing spending below 40 per cent of national income, the Tory target, and that "a slightly higher figure may be necessary to achieve Labour's social bjectives". He accepts that this, and tax cuts for low earners, may require above-inflation tax increases on pollution, smoking and alcohol.

If the election were to be decided purely on which party could most convincingly run the government, hold down spending and taxes and operate a free market policy, then the Tories would have a powerful case. But John Major cannot just sell himself and his policies. He is also leader of the Tory party. And the Tories do not look like a party of government. They are fractions and deeply divided.

Nowhere, of course, is this clearer than over Europe. The best chapter in Wallace's book concerns the muddle of British foreign policy produced by the need to appease Tory Eurosceptics. Revealingly, David Willetts has just two evasive paragraphs on a single currency. It is hard to see how a re-elected Major Government could pursue a coherent policy that would keep Britain "at the heart of Europe" without splitting the

party.

The Tories have run out of time, and the voters' patience. It is no longer enough for the intellectual tide still to be running in the direction of free markets and fiscal and monetary restraint. That would impose serious strains on an incoming Labour government, as it has on the Clinton Administration; but at present what matters is that enough voters believe it is time for a change. As one minister was told by a former supporter. "I don't really disagree with your policies. It's just that I'm fed up with you lot."

## Sisterly feelings

THE DUCHESS of Devonshire had been upset by plans for the decided unexpectedly not to attend the memorial service for her sister Jessica Mitford at the Lyric Theatre in London's Shaftesbury Avenue

yesterday evening.
No reason was given for her absence, even though the Duchess was listed as a speaker on the pro-gramme along with members of Jessica's family as well as newscaster Jon Snow, John Mortimer and Polly Toynbee. A friend of the Mitford girls said that the Duchess



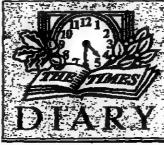
The memorial for the lady fam-

ous for her attack on the funeral industry in her bestseller The American Way of Death was to have been idiosyncratic, according to Jon Snow, the master of ceremo nies: The service will particularly concentrate on the debunking of the death industry," he said last week. "We've four undertakers on show, a Cadillac coffin, a DIY disposable coffin, one of which is a



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The duchess (left) and Jessica Mitford



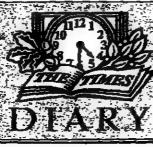
bookshelf in life and a box for death, and a pets' corner for four-legged stiffs."

The Duchess is said to have

found the idea distasteful. Al-though the service was toned down. with only a couple of undertakers displaying their wares, she still chose not to attend. Last week Jessica's other living sister Diana, Lady Moseley, 86, decided not to go either. "Jessica means nothing to me at all," she said of the left-wing sister who once denounced her as a dangerous fascist.

Shine on

IF America's Vice-President, Al Gore, really intends to succeed Bill



ly bowed his head in front of the television are lights. Inevitably, the CNN footage clearly captured a Bryan Gouldish bald patch, which the Vice-Presi-dent tries to conceal by scraping what little hair he has across

dress the bald question. At a Wash-

ington D.C. press conference the other day, Gore - who likes to con-

vey a youthful zest - ill-advised-

the arid waste. It is about as successful as certain other Democrat cover-uns.



"But all my mates have designer tags

• Not for Gillian Clarke the airs and graces of some political wives I could name. As my extract from the Newnham College Roll shows, the Chancellor's wife is becomingly modest about her achievements since she abandoned Cambridge

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Gillian Clarke (Relevands, NC 1959) ALA M. M.
Conservative Party worker; Oxfort shop witten. Jolie Cleverdon (NC 1969), CRE MA

and an academic life to support

#### Tote trio

FIVE RUNNERS fell last week in the race to succeed Lord Wyatt of Weeford as chairman of the Tote, leaving a shortlist of just three Peter Jones, a director of the Tote; Li-Gen Sir William Rous, former PR man for the Army; and Viscount Astor, good egg and member of the Turf Club.

Viscount Astor is an outside chance; Peter Jones is favoured by the racing industry; but odds are shortening on Rous. Lord Wy-att backs him, and Michael Howard makes a habit of appointing the military — notable forces men he has chosen include Admiral Sir

Peter Woodhead (Prisons Ombudsman). General Sir David Ramsbotham (HM's Chief Inspector of Prisons), and Lt Gen Sir John Learmont (the Parkhurst jail inquiry).

 Battle honours are due to Prince Michael of Kent and the crew of Ocean Rover, who yesterday fin-ished a respectable eighth in the BT Global Challenge yacht race. Ocean Rover moved up three places in the last 300 miles, after a crack team of stitchers under the Prince's strict supervision repaired a torn spinnaker.

#### Avowal

THE DUKE of Norfolk's daughter Lady Marsha Fitzalan, who plays the wife of television's appalling Alan B'stard MP, has suggested that the rounded vowels of the arissocracy may soon become a thing of

She admits to a "very upper-class" accent herself, but she adds that her plum-filled tones are as nothing to those of her forebears. When I want to do a sort of caricature upper-class voice, I literally mimic my aunts and uncles and members of my family,"



Marsha: plummy

she says on The Extremely Useful Guide to Accents, a recording made for Comic Relief.

They are so laid back that they hardly enunciate anything, and talk from the back of their throats. can't understand a word they say,

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Early enlargement of Nato spells danger for Europe

Madeleine Albright, who makes her European debut as American Secretary of State this week, is an energetic politician of passionate convictions, who expresses herself with singular bluntness. Among the strongest of these convictions is that America must throw its full weight into the historic task of building "a peaceful and undivided Europe working in partnership with the United States". Part of her task this week will be to prise the governments of the European Union out of their introspective shell. The most urgent reason for Europeans to rise to the Albright challenge is that the centrepiece of her European strategy, the enlargement

of Nato by 1999, is dangerously misjudged. Far from enhancing the security of the European continent, this imminent decision risks creating fresh sources of insecurity, inviting confrontation with Russia and, by weakening Nato's military credibility, impairing the Alliance's capacity to respond to new dangers that wiser policies might avert.

Ms Albright, who insists that she and President Clinton have "no higher priority" than Nato enlargement, prefaced her arrival in Europe with an article in The Economist dismissing all criticism as an argument for "fossilised immobility". Nato must enlarge, she said, or be "stuck in the past, risking irrelevance and even dissolution". If this was an implicit threat, critics should not be cowed. Nato's new military doctrines and its successful Partnerships for Peace, currently yielding operational dividends in Bosnia, prove how simplistic it is to make enlargement the acid test of its capacity to adapt.

Ms Albright claims that enlargement would promote the "integration" of Europe - an overtly political task that stretches the remit of a defensive military alliance. But Ms Albright also describes the frontiers of Nato as "freedom's boundaries". Enlargement, then, will create a new dividing line, one likely to be drawn in the first instance along eastern borders of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic where she was born.

Ms Albright may expect these countries "to export stability eastward" rather than see themselves as having escaped westward; but that will be scant comfort for the countries outside "freedom's boundaries". She cites President Clinton's assertion that eligibility for Nato membership must be determined by "new behaviour, not old history"; but since the US has no plans to bring the Baltic states, let alone robustly democratic Ukraine into Nato, this is casuistry.

Europe will not be durably secure unless Russia becomes, as did postwar Germany, a stable democracy. Russians of all political persuasions see enlargement as a betrayal of Washington's promise to include it in "a security circle for all of Europe". To avoid feeding Russian phobias about encirclement is wisdom, not appeasement. Ms Albright describes "a close and constructive relationship" with Moscow as one of Nato's vital tasks. This should be Washington's "higher priority"; and the process cannot be rushed. It will require years, not the few months between now and the Nato summit in July. Given time to build habits of military cooperation with Nato, Moscow might conceivably be persuaded that its standing as a great power is fully recognised in the Nato-Russia charter and joint council that

America offers. Nato enlargement can wait. The Clinton Administration claims that Russia is resigned to the inevitable. In private it argues that antagonising Russia by sticking to the timetable is less risky than applying the brakes because this would send "the wrong message" to hard-liners in Mos-cow. But it is pro-Western Russian modernisers who fear early Nato enlargement most. Has the Clinton Administration no memory of German railway timetables in 1914? Neither in Europe nor in America has the public been alerted to the momentous security implications of Nato enlargement, which each Nato parliament will be called upon to ratify. Let the US by all means press the EU to hasten its own enlargement, a step which would have nothing but benign consequences for European peace. But if it is serious about a safer Europe, it should put Nato enlargement on hold. It is still not too late.

#### **ULSTER ARITHMETIC**

Unionists have little to gain from the fall of the Government

David Trimble makes an unlikely coquette. But no parliamentarian has been so assiduously courted this Valentine weekend, and none so blushingly reticent about their intentions. Since Labour decided last week handling of BSE both Opposition and Government have been sending billets-doux to Belfast. Labour whips have altered the composition of backbench committees to concerns. The Conservatives have signalled that their "certified herd". scheme will see Ulster farmers benefit Given the Tory failure so far to make real progress in lifting the beef ban despite all manner of initiatives, Mr Trimble may be tempted to throw in his lot with Labour and maximise credit with the most likely incoming administration. That would, however, be a grave tactical and strategic error.

In the interests of his party and province, orang T Mr Trimble should stay his hand tonight. Mr Hogg may be a serial bungler, Ulster's farmers a conspicuous casualty of the Government's failure, but the emotional pleasure in delivering a bloody nose would be paid for by influence forfeited. As long as Mr Major's administration survives, Unionists have a receptive ear in Downing Street. The Prime Minister's commitment to the peace process, which Dublin does not doubt. means that Mr Major will not act to inflame moderate nationalist sentiment. But he can go some way to meeting the legitimate Unionist concerns in the weeks he has left.

Whatever he achieves in Brussels for Ulster's cattle, the Prime Minister has it in his power to advance accountability in Northern Ireland. A Grand Committee for Ulster which matched those for Scotland

and Wales would give Northern Ireland's elected representatives a welcome opportumity to flex democratic muscle, and prove that the parliamentary path can secure results. A Unionist Party that had declined to move a vote of censure on Douglas Hogg's "to vote against the Government tonight would be better placed to secure that gain and win other improvements at the margins.

Mr Trimble may fear that support, however grudging, for Mr Major will see Tony He should not worry. If Mr Blair is serious about the peace process he cannot afford any vindictiveness towards the leader of Ulster's biggest party. Moreover, the later the election and the smaller any Labour majority, the better for Mr Trimble. In Ulster itself, wise electors are more likely to appreciate a leader who has used Parliament to secure advantages for the province rather than as an echo chamber for indignation.

Mr Trimble's calculations may be base but that does not mean his motives are. He has a duty to use the mechanisms of democracy to safeguard the greater number in Northern Ireland who wish to keep the Union secure. Those who urge Mr Trimble most volubly to abandon the Tories have not been in the vanguard of those defending Ulster's democratic majority. Whatever the result tonight, the Tory Party is more likely than its rivals to prove a friend of the Union in the future. Tory inconstancy in the past may incline Mr Trimble to abstention, but any action that would make a Labour victory more likely would only delight Sinn Pein the more. Republicans hope for an early election and a Labour landslide. The Unionists have, potentially, little to gain and much to lose by precipitating the fall of this Government.

#### SUGAR AND SPICE

The British music industry makes billions as well as bad girls

The Spice Girls do not present the usual image of entrepreneurs. But they are merchant venturers of the age. like Francis Drake and Walter Raleigh, in behaviour as well as appearance they are unconventional and a bit piratical. Their politics may surprise. Their claim that Baroness Thatcher was the original Spice Girl is cheeky. But this group of five young women, including one who first made her mark by taking her clothes off for page three, front one of the world's most successful marketing operations. This weekend they climbed the Everest to No 1 in the US league table called Hot 100.

And they represent an economic phenomenon as well as a cultural one. Next week the Brit Awards, Britain's self-congratulatory prize giving of the music industry, will no doubt make headlines for bad behaviour. arrogance and childishness. But behind the hype and the hysteria, the numbers are deadly earnest. Spotty-faced youths strumming guitars may deafen and disgruntle fogeys. But they are the future of Britain's fastest growing industry. Music is now worth 5 billion a year. The value of UK record sales rose last year by 6.1 per cent. Compact: discs, until recently mocked as unnecessary replacements for vinyl, now shift 160 million units a year. They are the most popular sound carrier in the history of the industry. A generation ago the Beatles invented a

British sound. For the first time this century British popular music led the way, instead of being a pale reflection of what was happening in the USA. The Beatles were awarded MBEs for services to exports. Since the Beatles the domestic market for music sales has multiplied more than sixfold. When asked how they spend their leisure, 81 per cent of Britons aged between 16 and 24 reply that they listen to CDs, tapes or records at least once a week. Such canned music comes second only to television as a leisure pursuit. The British music industry has now grown bigger than shipbuilding. electronic components and water supply, with little help from governments that pour money into more conventional enterprises.

Pop may attract a generally frivolous or esoteric press. But it does not need official encouragement or subsidy. The President of the Board of Trade does not include many record producers on his world cavalcades to drum up exports for Britain. But the Spice Girls and their promoters are examples of the buccaneering spirit that has always made British industry. Purists may scoff at their success. But hundreds of bands, record promoters and song-writers are noisily earning a fortune for themselves - and Britain. The Spice Girls, with their brash, enterprising culture are, as they claim, heiresses to the spirit of Lady Thatcher.

## ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### 'Trial by media' in Lawrence case

From Mr Ronald Theaites, OC

Sir, As one of the defence counsel in the trial of those charged with the murder of Stephen Lawrence at the Old Bailey in April 1996 may I attempt to shed light on some important facts which seem to have been forgotten in the excitement surrounding the in-quest this week into his death preports, article and leading article, February

At trial, the issue was one of identification; no one disputed that Stephen Lawrence had been the victim of an unprovoked racist attack or that he had been murdered. The sole witness. as to identification, had a fleeting glimpse of one of the attackers, at night, in difficult and shocking circumstances. He had given several different contradictory accounts and changed his evidence again in from of the trial judge, Mr Justice Curtis.

In the course of his reasoned judgment, Mr Justice Curtis said of the witness: "I am entirely satisfied that where recognition or identification is concerned he simply does not know heels... Nearly three years further on in effect he has identified three, if not four [different] people as the stabber

Thus the judge excluded the evidence of identification on the grounds that there was no true recognition and further that the evidence was "tainted": no judge, conscientiously applying the law to the facts, could have come to a different decision. He concluded: "Adding one injustice to another does not cure the first iniustice done to the Lawrence family."

The prosecution decided themselves to offer no further evidence against the three accused, who were then automatically acquitted. The reason why the case was abandoned did not involve any fault or failure of the criminal legal system or those who participated in it: there was insufficient evidence to continue with it.

There is now (reported) talk of a civ-Il action. But in order to prove a serious crime in the civil courts, it is necessary for the plaintiff to produce sufficient evidence to prove the case to a standard equivalent to the criminal standard of proof.

The notion that it will somehow be easier to succeed against acquitted defendants in the civil court is likely to mislead and ultimately disappoint all those who sympathise with the Lawrence family's desperate and under-standable quest for justice. Whether sitting alone, or with a jury, a judge must filter evidence to ensure that it is fit for forensic consumption.

The parts of the media that have challenged the acquitted defendants to "sue us if you dare" will have won few acquitted defendants are unemployed, without resources and therefore cannot take proceedings for defamation, regardless of the provocation offered.

To bait them with headline taunts therefore involves newspapers in little risk, requires no courage and will be seen by informed observers as a cynical exploitation of a truly tragic

Yours faithfully, RONALD THWAITES. 10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

From Mr Jonathan Capian, QC

Sir, Finality of verdicts can never be the dominant principle in our society. If it was, the media could never have utilised their considerable resources - as they have so valuably in the past - to press for alleged miscarriages of iustice to be set right. What in principle is the difference when the media comment, however forcefully, on an acquittal? Are only parts of the judicial process to be open to public scru-

Of course, reputations can and will be affected but that is a matter for the law of libel. Whether this area of the law is beyond the pocket of most, and whether legal aid should be extended to defamation, is a quite separate

The reaction of the Home Secretary that the Daily Mail "haven't done anything against the law unless of course these men claim that the piece has been defamatory was surely. therefore, correct and that of the Bar Council, which condemned the newspaper's action, was wrong.

Yours faithfully.
JONATHAN CAPLAN. Five Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. Pebruary 15.

From Ms Sandra Sanglin

Sir, I am struck by the qualitative differences between the cases of the two Mrs Lawrences, one white, one black. The wife of the headmaster. Philip Lawrence, has received national support, with large numbers of high-profile personalities wanting to join her cause, and no stone left unturned in bringing the killer of her husband to justice.

The mother of Stephen Lawrence. on the other hand, is still fighting to find justice for her son. I am left feeling very uneasy about a system that appears to accord different treatment to different individuals depending on their colour and standing in the

Both Mrs Lawrences deserve justice to have been done, but can we truly say that that has been the case?

SANDRA SANGLIN, 83 Roseth Hill, Harrow, Middlesex.

#### Dangers of current moves towards Nato enlargement

From Sir Rodric Braithwaite. GCMG

Sir, The debate on Nato enlargement has still not got down to brass tacks. You report (February 10: see also letters, February 12) that Nato officials know that they must make a real effort to convince not only the Russians but - more damningly - the US Congress that enlargement is in everyone's interest. That is a sad comment on a policy which is now nearly five

There is a real dilemma here. The countries of Eastern Europe want the West to assure their security, and fear a "new Yalta" in which their interests could once again be carved up be-tween Russia and the rest of us. The Russians believe that they should have a genuine say in managing the security of a continent to which they belong and from which they have so often faced invasion. Both sets of aspirations are entirely understandable. The West has found no convincing way of reconciling them.

Enlargement can no doubt be negotiated successfully with a small group of Central European countries. But it is not a foregone conclusion that even a limited enlargement will get through the parliaments of Nato's existing members; or that it will then be carried forward to cover the countries of Eastern Europe who believe they are most at risk.

And the quid pro quo which the alli-ance has so far offered the Russians a joint body with no power to take serious decisions - misses the essential point. There is a real chance that at the end of the process the East Europeans will feel betrayed once again, while the Russians are left to fester beyond the Eastern marches, porentianother revanchiste power of a kind that Europe has known too often.

What is needed is a bargain. If the Russians demonstrate their formal commitment to the status quo which emerged after 1991 (including the independence of the Baltic States and Ukraine, about which some Russians are still equivocal) they should be

given equal membership in a Euro-pean security body capable of taking serious decisions. This could be a beefed-up Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, to which the West's objections are largely spurious; or a transformed Nato, which some Western officials believe is possible, though I do not. The matter s difficult. It needs imagination and will. So far neither have been forth-

This will not necessarily end in violent tears. But unless the Alliance gets a grip, we shall certainly hear some stilled sobs. Nato officials believe they can get a deal with the Russians in time for the July summit. I wish them every success. But my optimism is measured.

Yours faithfully.
RODRIC BRAITHWAITE (Ambassador in Muscow, 1988-92). 79 Hampstead Way, NWII. February 12.

From Sir Clive Rase, GCMG

Sir. The proposal for a Nato-Russia Council (report, February 10) raises many questions. Sir Patrick Duffy and Alan Lee Williams fletter, February 12) have rightly identified the crucial one: what voting rights would Russia have?

Decisions in the North Atlantic Council are traditionally reached by consensus. There is no provision in the Treaty for a majority vote. Nor, in my experience, was such a procedure ever resorted to. Of course the requirement for consensus does in practice give each member, whether it be the United States or Luxembourg, the opportunity to delay a decision, or in the last resort, to impose a veto. But throughout its history Nato has shown itself adept at avoiding "last resorts". This may sometimes have in-volved arm twisting, but in the end consensus has been reached. It is essential, when decisions go to the heart of the vital security concerns of all members, that nothing should be done to dilute this process.

There are only two ways in which

Russia could be given a "vote" in a Nato-Russia Council. One is to adopt a system of majority voting in which Russia would be one of 17 (or in due course 20) equal participants. The other is to give the single Russian vote equal weight with the consensus decision of Nato members, which could be tantamount to a veto. The first would hardly be likely to appeal to the Russians: moreover, by undermining the basis of the Nato mutual security guarantee it could lead to the disintegration of the alliance. The alternative

So we are left with consultation, which should be as frank and close as possible, with the aim of reaching consensus" between Nato and Russia. In the last resort however the integrity of the Alliance's right to make its own decisions must be maintained. The security of all its members depends on it.

of a Russian veto is patently unaccept-

Yours faithfully, CLIVE ROSE (UK Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council, 1979-82). Chimney House. Lavenham. Sudbury. Suffolk. February 12.

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From Mr Richard Connaughton

Sir, Is it not time that Nato stopped meandering and returned to first principles? To fulfil its core obligation to its current members, Nato must ensure that Russia is not isolated by this pointless exercise in expansion aimed at providing the states of Central and Eastern Europe with security guarantees they do not need.

It is time that one or more Nato states, unencombered by supplementary interests, broke ranks and called

Yours faithfully, RICHARD CONNAUGHTON, (Author, The Nature of Future Conflict, Leo Cooper. 1995). Wallhayes Nettlecombe, Bridport, Dorset. February II.

#### Modern worship From the Reverend

Nicholas R. Ralph

Sir, The idea that if only we had stuck to the Book of Common Prayer our churches would be full of young people, is so ridiculous that I am amazed and a little worried to see it revived (letters, February 13).

Like many others I work very hard to find ways to make the Church accessible to young people. I know not a single young person who finds BCP services helpful for worshipping God; ine other nano, i know pienty find modern services - with their variety, flexibility and, most of all, personal involvement — to be helpful. Such services do not need to be "happy clappy", but if some people find God in that particular style, who are we to argue? Modern services can still be reverent and respectful.

What is needed in our parishes is a variety of styles - some would call this niche marketing. I will happily take a BCP service if that is what people want, but not to the exclusion of all else. Too often, those who make the most noise about particular styles of service fall to support them by turning up regularly - unlike those

who favour the more modern services. The economics are actually very

Yours sincerely. NICK RALPH, 27 Seaview Road Hayling Island, Hampshire. Rebruary 13.

From Mr Jock Knight

Sir. The bishops who were so loud in their condemnation of the recent remarks of Lord Runcie (report, February 10) might benefit from looking at the Muslim church. There are no raves or trendy services in the mosques. Not a word of the Koran has . been altered, while Anglicans have several versions of the Bible, have inproduced the Alternative Service Book in preference to the Book of Common Prayer and have messed about with the words of much-loved traditional hymns.

Anglican congregations are dwindling. The followers of Islam appear

Yours faithfully, JOCK KNIGHT. Broomlands, Hatherton, Nantwich, Cheshire. February 12.

#### Windfall tax

From Mr Michael Ivens

Sir, The advice of Mr Michael Beloff, QC, on Labour's windfall tax (report. February 13) is at variance with Aims of Industry's view that Labour's plans are likely to come unstuck by a challenge hased on European law, as well as a challenge in the British courts and long, drawn out complaints from private objectors. Mr Beloff's opinion s, however, naturally welcomed by the Shadow Chancellor of the Ex-

We believe Mr Brown's optimism is misplaced and is unlikely to provide him with a quick financial raid that will save his economic plans. He does not face the dire problem of how to choose which firms to tax and which to turn a blind eye to without causing his proposed Bill to be hybrid (affecting private as well as public interests).

Dire problems for Labour have occurred in the past through hybridity and the attempted nationalisation of shipbuilding and aircraft industries. Mr Brown is loquacious on how he wants to spend the money he gets from a windfall tax, but is reticent on the problems of hybridity; these are likely to lead to a public Bill, as well as a private one with a committee, producing a field-day for protesters and objectors and, as in the past, considerable delays for legislation.

It may be electorally damaging for Mr Brown to state which companies and which shareholders and pensioners will be affected, but that is surely

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL IVENS, (Consultant), Aims of Industry, 2 Mulgrave Road, NW10. February 13.

#### Seasonal variations From Colonel A. L. Mallinson

Sir, Your complainant (Diary, February II) objects to being offered Christmas cake on a British Airways flight in February, but it is perfectly possible to eat it, in season, in that month. In the Church's calendar the season of Christmas does not end until the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Purification of Mary BV) -on February 2.

Well done BA for liturgical correctness, I wonder if they have given up serving alcohol for Lent?

Yours etc. ALLAN MALLINSON. The Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, WI. February 12.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

#### Spain and Gibraltar

From Professor Emeritus Philip S. James

Sir, With all respect to my dear Spanish friends I find their Government's approach to the Gibraltar problem more fit for sympathy than praise [Spanish Ambassador's letter, February 12: see also letters. February 1, 5, 13]. Spain's claim to Gibraltar is an "historic" one and all such claims are nonsense. It would be as fitting for the Moors to reclaim Andalusia as for the Spaniards to reclaim Gibraltar. It would be even more fitting for the Moors to demand the cession of the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Meli-

In any case, since it suits the Spaniards to be Federalists what have they to complain about? Is not Gibraltar a part of Europe?

Yours faithfully. PHILIPS. JAMES Chestnut View. Mill Lane, Whitfield. Brackley, Northamptonshire. February 12

English poets spurned From Mr John Davie

Sir, The Poetry Society and the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority have both recently deplored the fact that the luminaries of classical English poetry, such as Milton and Pope, are being dropped from the school syllabus in favour of modern, more "accessible" authors.

The same trend is discernible also in the teaching of modern languages: in the admirable drive to improve linguistic skills little, if any, space is found now for the riches of foreign literature before the 20th century, as if young people have nothing to learn from Dante, Goethe and Racine.

Happily this is not true of the Classics, where even GCSE students are required to read Homer and Virgil in the original, and so, paradoxically, are in some cases better equipped to tackle the English classics than are some English teachers.

The idea that young people should be "protected" from great English po-ets on the grounds of their difficulty is insulting and arrogant. Perhaps all English courses at university, should have a compulsory element that acknowledges the debt of our country's literature to Greece and Rome.

Yours faithfully, JOHN DAVIÉ, St Paul's School. Lonsdale Road, SWI3. February 9.

#### No smoke ...

From Mr J. B. Booth

Sir. Is not the phrase, "smoke-filled rooms" - identified by "a senior Whitehall source" as the natural habitat for civil servants such as Sir John Kerr (report, February 8) - now long overdue for removal from the choice of expressions available to journalists? I retired from public service over

five years ago and by then most of the meetings I attended in Whitehall took place in moms where smoking was banned or actively discouraged. Fortunately, I was not required to

venture into the "darker recesses of government" — but perhaps even there smoke-reduction measures are allowing more light to penetrate. Or is that wishful thinking?

Yours faithfully, JOHN BOOTH. 10 Wynford Green. Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. February 10.

Heavy weather

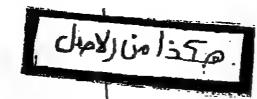
From Mr Philip Davey

Sir. The television weather presenters were first to fall foul of it, and now you are doing it too. They started with "thick" frost, and now you've followed their "heavy" log (News in Brief.

February 11). Could anybody explain the thinking behind "thick" frost and "heavy" fog please?

Presumably we will soon have sharp fog and thick rain?

Yours faithfully, P. C. DAVEY, 28 Bentley Road. Tacolnesion, Norfolk. February II.





## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** February 16: Mr Peter Riches was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a reception for sportsmen and women at Buckingham Palace at 6.00. The Prince of Wales, as President

of The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, will visit the Commonwork Land Trust. Bore Place, Chiddingstone, at 2.55.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Arcangelo Corelli, com-poser, Fusignano, Italy, 1653; Hor-ace Benedict de Saussure, physicist, Geneva, 1740; René Laënnee, physician and inventor of the stethoscope, Quimper, France, 1781; Selwyn Image, painter, Bodiam, Sussex, 1849; Sir Edward German, composer, Whitchurch Shrupshire, 1862: A.B. (Barjo)
Paterson, poet journalist and author of Waltzing Matilda,
Narambia, New South Wales.

DEATHS: Glordano Brumo.

philosopher, burnt at the stake in Rome, 1600; Molière (stage name of Jean Baptiste Poquelin), playwright, Paris, 1673; James Macpherson, poet, inverness, 1796: Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, educator, Brugg, Switzerland, 1827; William Collins, landscape peinter, London, 1847; John Mar-tin, historical painter, Douglas, Isle of Man, 1854; Heinrich Heine, inter, London, 1847; John Marpoet, Paris, 1856; John Braham, singer and composer, London, 1856; Henry Olcott, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, Madras, 1907; Geronimo, Apache leader, 1908; Cili Oklahora, 1909; Sir Port Sill, Oklahoma, 1908; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canadian Prime Minister 1896-1911, Ottawa, 1918; Albert I, King of the Belgians 1909-All killed in a climbing accident in the Ardennes, 1934: Hans Hol-mann, Expressionist painter, New York, 1966: Shmuel Agnon, nov-elist, Nobel laureage 1966, Jerusalem, 1970; Graham Sutherland, painter, 1980.

Baron Karl von Drais de Saverbrun patented the "draisine", the forerunner of the bievcie, 1818.

A bomb exploded at the Winter Palace. St Petersburg, in an at-tempt to assassinate Tsar Alexander 11 of Russia, 1880.

The first public experimental demonstration of Baird colour television was transmitted from Crystal Palace to the Dominion Theatre, London, 1938.



## Candle mass recreates Tudor times

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE halls and cloisters of Hampton Court Palace were filled with flickering lights, dancing shadows and Latin incan tations during the recreation of a candle mass that has not been celebrated since

University news

Swansea University is to confer

honorary degrees this summer on

the following:

Mr Ewart Alexander, dramatist:
Mr John S Bridgernan, Director-General of Fair Trading:
Professor Dianne Edwards,
Professor of Botany, University
of Wales Cardiff: Mr Christopher Evans, blotechnologist
and founder of Merlin Ventures: Dr W Emrys Evans,
Chairman of Council, University of Wales Swansea, 198296; Dr Michael S Jenkins,
Technical Manager (Development) Pilkington UK and Floar
Development Manager Europe, Pilkington; Mr Neil
Rinnock, European Commissioner for Transport; Mrs
Rachel Lomax, Permanent
Secretary to the Welsh Office;
Mr A L Vickers, Managing
Director, Bridish Steel Tinplate,
Lianelli,

Service dinner

Queen's Lancashire Regiment (V)

Lieutenant-Colonel C.A. Hookey.

Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, Queen's Lancashire Regiment, presided at the annual

the reign of Henry VIII. Actors dressed as Henry, Catherine Howard and their courtiers, together with a 40-strong choir. jed a procession through the palace to the Roal Chapel, watched by a paying audience on Saturday evening. Research has shown that Henry celebrated the

mass at the palace in 1541. The event marked the end of a three-day conference hosted by the Society of Court Studies. This was one of the greatest ceremonies of the Tudor court and a wonderful way to end the conference," said Dr David Starkey, one of the organisers.

#### Nature notes

MALLARDS are flying round. quacking loudly, in groups of three. The party is often made up of a female chasing off another female, with the pursuer's mate keeping them

company.
The first blackbirds are singing on garden walls: they have a rich, fluting song that ends every time in a weak babble. Many of these early singers are young males trying to establish a territory for Coal tits are singing in the

conifers: their song is like a speeded-up version of the great tit's "teacher, teacher" song. They are the smallest of the titraice, and can easily be distinguished by the white patch on the back of their black cap.

The yellow stars of lesser celandine are opening in sheltered ditches. On waterside

#### Latest wills

Lady Leonard, of Merstham, Surrey, left estate valued at £270,112 net. Jennifer Claire Fountain, of Wooersh, Guildford, Surrey, left

F2.489,915 net. Reuben Basil Hunt, retired com pany director, of Earls Coine, Colchester, Essex, left £2,760,273

not.

He left £100.000 to his househeaper Jean Last, together with £1,000 for every complete year of service and his house. Plus £10,000 to The Haileybury Society. He also left shared in his residuary estate to Guide Dogs for the Bullod. Hearing Dogs for the Deal. British Wireless for the Blind, That has Signit, and Priends of Feisted School. Roger John Foster Plantison, of Attleborough, Norfolk, left

Attleborough, Noriolk, left £2,340,001 net. He left £30,000 to the Morkey Research Centre for use for trees scholarships on agricultural research projects. £10,000 to the patish church of ketteringham and to the Friends of Noriolk Gressland Society, and £1,000 to Pockland, All Saigls thirty. Barbara Marie Chetham, of London SWIS, left £2,396,164 nm. She left her residuary estate to be divided; between Carner Relief MacMillian Fund, Arthritis and

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr CG. Berden and Miss S.C. Copp

The engagement is announced between Crawford, younger son of Mr and Mrs Graham Burden, of Edinburgh, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs Marianne Copp and Mr. Peter Copp, of Sevenosics, Kent. My N.C.S. Charle and Miss L.M. Casty

The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of the late Mr Eric Ctark and of Mrs Margaret Clark, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Lynn, only daughter of Mr John Casey, of Action. London, and Mrs Mary Casey, of Isleworth, Middless.

Mr E.A. Gower Lease and Miss K.S. Platt

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs John Gower Isaac, of Piralico, London, and Sheila, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Plats, of Beaconstield, Buckinghamshire. Mr.P.J. McCafferty and the Rev E.R. Back

The engagement is amounted between Peter John, only son of the late. Mr. H. and Mrs. Mollie McCafferty, of Upper Holloway, London, and Esther Elaine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J. Back, of Moor Park, Herstondshire. Dr W.M. Marsden

and Miss Z.A. Reener The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of the late Mr Eric Marsden and of Mrs Marsden, of Stourpaine, Doyset, and ZoE, only daughter of Professor and Mrs Anthony Bezzr, of Parridourne, Kent. Mr J.C.J. Yeoward and Miss S.H. Cubit

The engagement is announced between Casper, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Yeoward, of Pullord, Chester, and Sophia, daughter of Mr Barrington Cubit, of Kintbury, Berkshira, and Mrs Martin Dean, of Usk, Monmouth-SINE.

#### Birthdays today

Sir Derek Andrews, civil servant,

64: Mr Alan Banes, actor, 63; Mr 64: Mr Alan Banes, actor, 63; Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP, 63: Dr Gordon Cook, former president, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 65; the Earl of Dundorald, 36; Miss Angela Ea-gle, MP, 30; the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, 73; Lord Foot, 88; Mr Bernie Grant, MP, 53; Mr Douglas Hoyle, MP, 67; Mr Barry Humphries, entertainer and au-thor, 63; Sir Gordon Jones, former Claire Palley, former Principal, St. Anners College, Oxford, 66; Mrs Ruth Rendell, crime novelist, 67; Miss Patricia Routledge, actress, 68; Sir Michael Shersby, MP, 64; Lord Siyan of Hadley, 67; Com-mandant Mary Talbot, former director, WRNS, 75; Mr. Benjamin

## Memorial services

Sir Robert Douglas

The Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire attended a memorial service for Sir Robert Douglas, President of Tilbury Douglas, held on Saturday in Lichfield Cathe-

The Very Rev N.T. Wright, Dean of Lichfield, officiated, as-sisted by Canon Chris Taylor, Precentor. Mr Philip Douglas, grandson, and Mrs Joy Harvey, granddaughter, read the lessons. The Right Rev Keith Sutton, Bishop of Lichfield, preached the

During the service Sir Robert's orders and decorations were borne in procession from the West Door to the Altar by Mrs Julie Lees, daughter, and afterwards from the Altar by Mr John Douglas, son.

Members of the family, past and present members of the staff of the Tithury Douglas Group, representatives of the Staffordshire Agricultural Society, the Burton Hospitals NHS Trust and other members of the medical profession was a sure of the predical profession. were among those present.

Professor Thomas an Rees Professor Industrials ap Incess
Professor Alec Broers, FRS, ViceChancellor of Cambridge University, attended a memorial service
for Professor Tom ap Rees, Professor of Botany and Head of the
Department of Plant Sciences,
Cambridge University, held on Saturday at the Chruch of Great St

The Rev Jack McDonald, Chaplain of Gonville and Caius College, and Canon Brian Watchorn officiated. Mr Gerallt Jones read a ated. Mr Leram Jones read a poem from his own works. Mr Peter Davies, Dr David Ellar, a Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Professor Sir David Williams and Mr Huw ap Rees, son, paid tribute.

#### Thanksgiving services

Sir Hugh Willatt There will be a service of thanks-giving for the life of Sir Hugh Willatt at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, on Thursday, March 13, at moon. The service is open to all friends and colleagues of Sir

Andrew Hatchings

A Thanksgiving service for the life of Andrew Hutchings, CBE, for-mer general secretary of the Assis-tant Masters Association, and founder member and vice president of The Associated Examining Board, will be held at the Church of St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4, at noon on Monday, March 3, 1997. All friends and colleagues are

#### Appointments in the Forces

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MAJOR: C.J A Bendon — 45 CDO RM 4/7/97; S.G.L.P Buzza — HQ.3 CDO BDB RM 18/7/97; D. A Capewell — 42 CDO RM 47/97; J. A. Getgood — HQRM 6/6/97; R.B. Howard-Williams — M.W.C. Southwick 9/5/97; J. McCabe — BMATISA in rank of Loc Lt. Col 26/9/97; J. M. F. Robbins — Rechange Army 27/6/97. CHAPLAINS: S Bradbury -- Nep-

F4(SEA) 27/5/97; S J Brown — Neptune 12/6/97; M G Poll — invincible 26/8/97; S M Rae — Cdre M.FP(SEA) 10/7/97.

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Surgeon Captain: M R O Connell — 275/97. t is the Muscout Council for Research Muscout, WRNS; 72 Mr. Benjamin Muscout Dystrophy Group of GB and Northern Ireland, Multiple and Northern Ireland, Multiple Sciences Society, RNIR, and the Leubsemia Research Fund.

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Royal Air Force AIR COMMODORE: O D L Delany — HQPTC, 17/2/97; P Liddel — HQSTC, 17/2/97. GROUP CAPTAIN: P D Doggett - RAF Leeming, 21/2/97. WING COMMANDER: R R

Ashlord — HQLC WYTON, 9/12/96; F.F. Amroliwals — MOD, 17/2/91; K. L. O'Dea — HQLC Wyton, 17/2/97.

#### Memorial meeting The Hon Testles Mitterd

A celebration of the life of the Hon lessica Mittord, author, was held

Jessica Mitford, author, was held yesterday at the Lyric Theatre, Shaltesbury Avenue.

Members of the family and friends provided a programme of recollections, readings, songs and films. Among those taking part were Dr Maya Angelou, the Duchess of Devonshire, sister, Mr Christopher Hitchens, Miss Heleria: Kennedy, QC, Mr James McCibbon. Mr John Montimer. McGibbon, Mr John Mortimer, QC, Miss Polly Toynbee and Mr

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as naments Manor Number Home, aged 76. Beloved husband of Freda (deceased). Much loved brother of Richard, William and Maureen (deceased). Brother in law of Guoffrey. sequestra-law of Geoffrey, uncle and great uncle. Funeral at 12.30 pm Wednesday 25th February at Chickester Cromatorium. Flowers and enquiries to FA Holland & Son, 3 Inblies Boad, Chickester (01243) 782945.

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BISWAS - Robindes Kunsar died peacefully on 13th Petrnsery 1997 street a short lineas. Funesal Service to take place on Thursdy the 20th February, family flowers only please, donations if desired to the intensive Care Unit of the Laicester Royal Infirmary. Care of Gines & Gutterings Funeral Directors. 51 Vaugham Way, Leicester, LEI 4NE. Tel: 0116 2516117 to whom all inquires should be made.

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SLANKS - Lione; Charles, pescafully on 13th February 1997, aged 93. Beloved husband for 65 years of Marjorie, a wonderful father to Marjorie Anne and jennifer, and a dear grandpa and grant-pandpa. Service to be held at Hyde Church, near Fordingbridge, Hampshire, at 12 noon on Friday, 21st February, Family flowers or donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign of John Sheing, 34 Frovest Street, Fordingbridge 376 1AV.

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soddenly and peacefully at home on 14th February 1997. Much loved and loving husband of Elean, David and loving these of Floma and James, huma-tars of Femma and James huma-tars of Femma 12.00 pm. Family flowers only peacefully at Summerlands Lodge, Westpate-on-San, 1984 91. Cremation at Thanes Crematonium on Friday 21st February 12.20 pm. Family flowers only huma-tars of Femma 11st February 12.20 pm. Family flowers only huma-tars of James Crematonium on Friday 21st February at 2.20 pm. Follows only huma-tars of James Crematonium on Friday 21st February 12.20 pm. Follows only huma-tars of James Crematonium on Friday 21st February 12.20 pm. Follows only huma-tars of James Crematonium on Friday 21st February 12st st 2.30 pm. Follows only huma-tars of James Cremation and James only huma-tars of James Cremation of James Cremation of James only huma-tars only

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WRIGHT - There will be a Memorial Service for junifer Wright (note Skillarn) on Friday 21st February 1997 at 1.30 pen at 25 George's Church, Engover. Square, London Wi.

IN MEMORIAM -

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BIRTHDAYS

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Denice Mary Kidson aged 95 only child of Fehn and Gentuck Eddon Found 11mm on Wednesday 19th Feb at West London Commission Horse and

MARSH - Angela (note Assur).
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male catkins, long and furry, and chocolate and crimson in colour; the female caticins are smaller versions of them. Here and there, the leaf buds are beginning to break on The British Parliament voted to join the European Common Market, 1972.

The British Parliament voted to dinner of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment Volunteer Dinner Club held on Saturday in Preston.

The British Parliament voted to dinner of the Queen's Lancashire alder trees, the purple and yellow caticins are swinging in the wind. These are the male first every year.

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Dorothy Fosdick, American foreign policy expert, died on February 5 aged 83. She was born on April 17, 1913.

ALTHOUGH Dorothy Fosdick's name might not be well known except by the biographers of Adlai Stevenson, who had been her lover in the early 1950s, her behind-the-scenes influence on American foreign policy was immense. For thirty years she acted as chief foreign policy adviser to Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson, a power in the Democratic party and a sometime Presidential contender, whose views on international policies were sought by presidents of both parties and all ideologies. The easing of emigration restrictions from countries such as the Soviet Union into the United States was very much Fosdick's work.

A tiny woman, standing only 5ft lin, Fosdick was feared by many bulky senators in Washington. Though she shrank from the limelight, she was not frightened of debate, and would jab her opponents in the chest with her finger to make a point. "She had no personal ambition," said her sister. "She only

wanted to save the world." Her father was the Rev Harry

Hans Tisdali, artist and

designer, died on

January 31 aged 86. He

was born in Munich on

August 14, 1910.

FIRST and foremost a painter.

Hans Tisdali was enthralled

by the luminosity and gran-deur of colour. Yet he also

retained a strong figurative

streak in his art. Attracted by

the control and the certainty of

the drawn line, he blended this:

with a sensuous use of colour

and tone in the designs for

which he became well known.

His murals, mosaics and tap-

estries adorn the walls of

public buildings all over Brit-

ain. He also designed what

has become the trademark

lettering for the bookiackets of

the publishers Jonathan Cape.

at the Central College of Art

and Design, Tisdall's sensitiv-

ity to the breadth of European

culture — he was German by

birth - was particularly valu-

able to his students. Their

approach both to life and art

became, as the critic Bryan

Robinson once put it, "a little

different to what it might have

been without his quizzical

presence, partly self deprecat-

ing and partly rather grand, faintly dandified, always

Aufseeser, Hans Tisdall as he

was later known, came of a

family of artists. His parents'.

studios bewitched him even as

a child: "the easels, multitude

of brushes, the canvases and

especially, the lovely smells of

turpentine, oils and varnish-

es." In 1928 he entered Mu-

nich's Academy of Fine Arts

and the next year was appren-

ticed to the sculptor Moisey

Kogan, travelling to Paris and

amused."

DOTE PLANS

As a teacher for many years

DOROTHY FOSDICK

Emerson Fosdick, a celebrated liberal theologian, who brought his two daughters up in a faculty apartment at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. While her older sister Elinor trained to be a doctor. Dorothy gravitated towards the theoretical. She took classes in government and philosophy at Smith College, from which she graduated summa cum laude, and taught while she was taking a doctorate in public law from Columbia University.

She had no idea where her career would take her, but was interested in world events. In particular, she had been much distressed by the Senate's failure to ratify the founding treaty of the League of Nations (her uncle Raymond Fosdick had been appointed Under Secretary of the League).

During the war, like many bright young women in American colleges. she was recruited to Washington, and put to work for the ambiguouslytitled Division of Special Research.
Serving on the delegations to the Dumbarton Oaks and San Francisco conferences, she also attended early sessions of the United Nations. In 1948 she was promoted to the newlyformed Policy Planning Staff, a small think tank which helped to shape the Marshall Plan and Nato.

follow a career as a painter

lured into Bloomsbury circles.

instead by the sea in Hastings,

painting the boats and sails

and fishermen's nets. The see

and its associated landscapes

were always to remain an

inspiration to him and later,

when his work became more

abstract, its motifs and forms

could still be traced. Yet

Tisdail was not a reclusive

man. In his gregarious youth, he said, the only way he could

do any work at all was to go up

to the studio, lock the door,

and hurl the key into the

In 1935 Tisdall was commis-

signed to produce his first

large-scale mural paintings

and his first book jackets for

Jonathan Cape. The next year

he was awarded a Medal of

garden below.



Adlai Stevenson she had known rofessionally since the war, and as his political ambitions fermented into a presidential campaign in 1952, Fosdick became his lover and cam-paign adviser. He, however, was already married, and having a longterm liaison with another mistress, the journalist Alicia Patterson. Divorce and remarriage would have damaged him politically, so the complicated arrangement lasted un-

til his election defeat, when Stevenson traded in both old girlfriends for new romantic interests. Fosdick never married, nor ever seemed to regret the fact. Privately, she was doubtful that Suvenson would have made a good president.

In 1954 she began a platonic and more successful professional partnership with the new Senator, Henry Jackson, on whose staff she remained until his death in 1983. Jackson shared her passion for liberal social causes, but was more interested in domestic policy when Fosdick first met him. She persuaded him to pursue her foreign policy ideas. In the "bunker" of Jackson's loyal staff, so-called because of the cramped office space they shared, she was known as the "bunker's bubble" the Yiddish term for grandmother.

Her proudest achievement was her work on the Jackson-Vanick Amendment of 1974, which limited countries that would enjoy the status of "most favoured nation" with the United States to those who lived up to their commitment on human rights, and who allowed emigration. More than a quarter of a million lews emigrated from the Soviet Union to the United States because of the new legislation. Alexander Solzhenitsyn called the amendment: "a profound message that mankind's sole salvation lies in everyone making everything his business."

She also made several trips to China with Jackson, in pre-Nixon days, and was pleased with their success in opening up communica-tion with that nation. Another of her achievements came during the Yom Kippur War, when she persuaded Jackson to use his contacts to supply arms to the Israelis, a move which had initially been blocked by the Administration.

Jackson never achieved his dearest ambition to become president, a post for which he ran twice in 1972 and 1976. But he remained a valued adviser to Democratic and Republican Presidents up to his death in 1983, just after he and Fosdick had returned from their fourth trip to China.

Fosdick stayed on long enough to hand over the reins to her successor and then retired to edit a book of Jackson's speeches. She also wrote What is Liberty? and Common Sense and World Affairs. Though she had no direct survivors, she remained close to her sister, her nephew and niece, and their five children, all of whom survive her.

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establishments

and public buildings. His

tapestries in particular were admired, with their large

scale patterns abstracted from

natural or historical motifs. In

1964 he exhibited at the Inter-

national Tapestry Biennale in

Lausanne: and in 1969 at the

International Tapestry Exhi-

bition in New York. He also

held several one-man exhibi-

tions of his paintings both in London — at the Reid, Lefevre

and Hanover galleries - and

abroad, particularly in

Exhibited in a 1988 exhibition,

they gave a fascinating, witty

and at times wholly irreverent

insight into his long career.

He celebrated his 80th birth-

show at the Albemarle Gallery

If his later work moved

abstraction, it retained always

the freshness and enthusiasm

of youth. Nor did Tisdall ever

seemed affected by stiff divi-

sions which conventionally di-

vide art from design,

representation from abstrac-

tion, or experiment from deco-

end of his life. "If you give up

working you become like an

old machine gathering dust," he wrote. "So, like a dancer,

you must always hop about or

of work done over 30 years -

though mostly since 1986.

Throughout his life, Tisdall

#### THOMAS SNOW

Thomas Snow, CMG, retired diplomat, died on January 20. aged 106. He was born on May 21, 1890.

TOM SNOW's hopes of crowning his diplomatic career with a front-rank ambassadorial posting were dashed in the late 1930s when he crossed swords with Whitehall over Government policy. As head of the British mission in Helsinki, he foresaw Soviet aggression against Finland and urged his masters in London to act accordingly. He sent his own family home and insisted that other dependents

should also leave. Snow had read all the signs correctly and when the Soviet Union declared war on Finland, bombing Helsinki in late 1939, he had to act on his own advice and evacuate the mission - resettling it in a safe

place in the countryside.
But he was telling Whitehall what it did not want to hear. With Britain already confronting Germany, Chamberlain's Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, was anxious to maintain a working relationship with Moscow. The availability of raw materials like timber was a powerful factor.

Snow's problem, it has been said, was that he could not help telling people when he was right. But for that fatal flaw - if flaw it was - he might well have climbed to the

top of the diplomatic service.
As it was, instead of moving up a rung, as he might have expected on leaving Helsinki after three years in early 1940, he was transferred sideways to a similar post in Bogotá. It was there in Colombia that he spent most of the Second World War, eventually changing his title from minister to ambassador — a job description used more sparingly in those days.

kept a diary in the form of notebooks which over the In 1946 Snow was moved as minister to Switzerland, takyears extended to 25 volumes. ing charge of the British legation in Berne, a capital he had served in before as a young diplomat. A gifted linguist who was fluent in French and German, he not only day two years later with a spent three happy years there on his last posting but settled in Switzerland after his retirement — to become the oldest man around Montreux. But gradually towards an iconic although he never spoke of it. perhaps he was tempted to reflect on what might have

> Thomas Maitland Snow was born into a banking family in Devon. An impoverished forebear had migrated to Portugal around 1790 and during the Napoleonic Wars. Returning first to Exmouth, then Exeter, he had founded a successful wine merchant's business, eventually buying up the local bank — since taken over by what is now NatWest.

Snow was an exhibitioner at Winchester, from where he won a scholarship to New College, Oxford. He was his family's third generation of

double Wykehamists. He took a first and a second in Mods and Greats, then, after spending some time on the Continent, came top of the Foreign Office (FO) entrance examination.

Entering the FO in 1914, Snow served as a rising young diplomat in Norway, Greece, Switzerland, Spain and Poland, then as a counsellor in Japan. His first posting as a head of mission came in 1935 when he was appointed minister in Cuba, and he moved from there to Finland two years later.

Although he did not seek a second career, Snow led an active social life in retirement - moving home several times around Lake Geneva. Thought to be the oldest former British diplomat, he was a remarkable example of longevity. Not only was he a formidable intellectual whose



range of interests included nuclear physics and metaphysics, but he kept pace with the latest developments in literature and art. He read voraciously in English, French and German and could converse on almost any topic.

At the age of 105 he could still recite verbatim the satirical Latin poem he had composed as an undergraduate about one of Lloyd George's pre-1914 Budgets. Yet he had little time for small talk. He had been brought up to believe that one should speak only when one had something worth saying. He always had something worth saving himself, but it must have been a daunting thought for dinner

The local authorities in Montreux made a fuss of him. sending a birthday card every year since his centenary. When they once asked him what present he would like, he asked for a new fishing licence "so that I might go fishing with my grand-daughter". He had fished throughout the world for most of his life. At 104, however, with failing eyesight, this sounded a some

what wistful aspiration. Snow's first marriage was dissolved and he is survived by his second wife Sylvia, a Swiss-Hungarian, whom he married, 1949, and by two sons of his first marriage. A third son died from leukaemia ló years ago.

## HANS TISDALI



Exhibition in Paris for his work for the British Pavilion. Civil Defence Corps in 1940 This was followed by a number of other commissions to from where he went on to decorate clubs and buildings, work at the Ministry of Inforincluding in 1939, to design mation. But he still found time for his painting, completing his boldy coloured illustramural decorations for the liner Queen Elizabeth. These were tions to Oliver Hill's children's never completed, however, as books Baibus (1944) and the ship was converted into a troop carrier for the duration Wheels (1946).

As soon as the war was over Tisdall mounted his first one-Tisdall was enlisted into the

success and followed by another the next year. He also began to teach, taking a lectureship at London's Central School of Art and Design in 1947 as well as teaching occa-

sionally at Dartington Hall and in Venice. The Festival of Britain in

man exhibition in London at 1951 brought two major contri-the Leger Galleries. It was a butions from Tisdail: the design for the entrance to the funfair on the South Bank - a commission which he won in a competition - and another large mural on the same site.

A great number of other commissions followed: mosaics, tiles, tapestries and murais for business premises,

## In 1941 Tisdall married Isa-

else you'll get stiff."

#### bel Gallegos. In 1964 she started her own weaving company. Tamesa Fabrics, for which Tisdall made many designs. He is survived by her and by their two daughters.

## AIR MARSHAL SIR BARRY DUXBURY

Air Marshal Sir Barry Duchury, KCB, CBE, director and chief executive of the Society of British Aerospace Companies since 1990, died of cancer on January 25 aged 63. He was born on January 23, 1934

BARRY DUXBURY was one of a small handful of RAF pavigators who have climbed to the rank of air marshal and been knighted He was, unusually, identified early as a highflier, holding such coveted appointments on the way up as Principal Staff Officer to the Chief of the Air Staff and Secretary to the Chiefs of Staff Committee. It was the contacts and know-

ledge of Whitehall that he gained from posts like these which attractthe Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC) when the Society was looking for a new chief executive in 1989 - just as Duxbury retired from the services as Air Officer Commanding 18 Group, the

maritime air command in which he had spent the bulk of his RAF

The aerospace industry was hav-

ing to adjust to fiercely competitive new markets as governments in Britain and elsewhere were under pressure to trim their budgets at the end of the Cold War. The SBAC, moreover, has been faced with a special problem of its own, as the Ministry of Defence's plans to close its airfield at Famborough, Hants, have posed questions about the future of the Farnborough Air Show - the SBAC's two-yearly international show-case. It was against this background that Dusbary began work there seven years ago. He became secretary of the Defence Industries Council at the same time.

Yet John Barry Duxbury had started his ascent to the top on the bottom rung. Born at Nelson in Lancashire and educated at gram-mar schools in Nelson itself and at Rossall, Blackpool, he had signed

War and was a tireless Cold War on for three years in the RAF instead of the obligatory two years' National Service. Commissioned in 1954 he had then converted to a long-term career. After serving as a navigator in a succession of mari-

other trials and experimental establishments. At one time he was involved with development of the revolutionary strike aircraft the TSR2 - later to be cancelled because of escalating costs in the 1960s.

time air squadrons. Duxbury spent

some time at Boscombe Down and

More significantly, in view of his specialisation, he was closely concerned with the emerging jetpowered Nimrod - the maritime patrol aircraft developed on the airframe of the Comet airliner and introduced as a replacement for the turbo-prop Shackleton which was at last being retired after years of stalwart service. The Nimrod has been widely recognised as one of the most successful British defence aircraft since the Second World

workhorse. Duxbury carried out some of the early trials of its navigational

equipment and later wrote some of the tactical training manuals. He did a year at the Canadian Forces Staff College before com-

manding 201 maritime patrol squadron at Kinloss, then was Principal Staff Officer to Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood between 1971 and 1974. He commanded the maritime reconnaisance station RAF St Mawgan in Cornwall as a groupcaptain, 1976-77, and from 1978 to 1980 was Secretary to the Chiefs of Staff Committee. This was an appointment which hugely widened his Whitehall experience, a necessary component of getting into the higher echelons of the

Service. After a year on the directing staff of the Royal College of Defence Studies, he was made Air Secretary - a post in which he was responsible for RAF officers' careers before moving to his final posting as AOC 18 Group in 1986. The job which involves working closely alongside the Royal Navy, also gave him a Nato "hat" as Commander Maritime Air Eastern Atlantic and Channel. It brought him back to that part of the Air Force with which he was most familiar, and which he most

enioved. Barry Duxbury was a well-liked, unpretentious officer - far removed from the extrovert image of the fighter pilot. His style was one of quiet authority, which was leavened by great kindness — exemplified during his two years as Air Secretary.

Off-duty he painted landscapes in oils and included his passion for photography. He was also a keen

A close family man, he is survived by his wife Joan, whom he married when he was 20, and by their son.



#### Church appointments of that Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev James Francis, Assistant Curate (NSM), Sunderland St Chad: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Sunderland Team Ministry (Durham). The Rev Guy Harrison, Curate,

Wimborne Minster and Holt St James Team Ministry: to be Chaplain. Dorothy House Foundation Hospice, Winsley (Salisbury). The Rev Peter Hart, Priest-incharge, Warndon, St Nicholas (Worcester): to be the Rector, Northchurch (St Albans).

The Rev Dianna Hartley, Assistant Curate, St Saviour, Peckham: to be Assistant Curate, St Barnabas, Dulwich (Southwark) Canon David Holloway, Vicar, St Degory, Horfield: to be also Rural Man of Horfield (Bristol).

The Rev Richard James, Priest-incharge, Christ Church, Shooters Hill: to be Vicar, St Mark and St Plumstead

Margaret. (Southwark). The Rev Terence Johnson, Vicar, Budbrooke St Michael, Warwick (Covenny): to be Vicar, Stone 

Christ Church and Oulton-w-Moddershall (Lichfield). The Rev Gillian King, Chaptain of Kingston District Community NHS Trust (Southwark): to be Team Vicar, Hale Team Ministry

w special responsibility for Badshot Lea (Guildford). The Rev Robert McTeer, Curatein-charge, Auckland St Helen: 10 be Vicar of that parish (Durham). The Rev Dr. Richard Major. Cathedral Curate, Truro Cathedral (Truro): to be Curate-in-charge. St Mary w All Saints,

Pumey (Southwark). The Rev William Manhews, Team Vicar. Hitchin: to be Rector, Toddington and Chalgrave (St Albans).

The Rev Stephen Miles, diocese of Melbourne, Australia: to be Assispant Chaplain, St Boniface, Bonn and All Saints. Cologne, Germany The Rev Diana Newman, Curate (NSM), Parkstone St Peter w Branksea and St Osmund Team

Ministry: to be Team Vicar (NSM).

The Rev William Stock, Team Rector, North Shields Team Ministry and Rural Dean of Tynemouth (Newcastle): now also an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral. The Rev Andrew Todd, Senior

Assistant Priest, Dereham and

Team Ministry (Salisbury).

cal Officer (Newcastle): now also

an Honorary Canon of Newcastle

be also an Honorary Canon of Ely

The Rev Dr Graham Southgate,

Curate, Tisbury Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Chalke Valley

Cathedral.

Scarning (Norwich), and part-time Director of Studies of the East Anglian Ministerial Training The Rev Andrew Platt, Rector, St John the Baptist, Saxmundham: to Course (EAMTC): to be full-time be Priest-in-charge. All Saints, Director of Studies, EAMTC. Sudbury w Ballington and Brundon (St Edmundsbury and Canon Douglas Ward-Boddington formerly Chaplain, St lames, Oporto, Portugal The Rev Clive Price, Priest-in-charge, St Oswald in Lee w Bingfield and Diocesan Ecumeni-(Europe): to be a Canon Emeritus

of Gibraltar Cathedral, same diocese. The Rev Jonathan Watkins, Curate. Holy Trinity, Wallington (Southwark): to be Curate, Church The Rev Hugh Searle, Vicar, Barton, and Rector, Coton (Ely): to

of St Mary the Virgin, Winchfield (Winchester). The Rev Desmond Whale, Rector, Winfarthing, Shelfanger, Burston, Gissing and Tivetshall: to be also Dean of Redenhall (Norwich).

Resignations and retirements The Rev Roy Bushell, Rector, Emmanuel, Wargrave (Liverpool): The Rev John Jenkins, Chaplain, St Laurence Lanzarote, Canary Islands (Europe): to retire May 31. **UNEMPLOYED PROCESSION** IN THE WEST END

Organised by the London and District Right to Work Council, a demonstration of wives and children of the unemployed took place yes-terday alternoon in the West End. The council provided the railway fares, and the women and children came in large numbers from various parts of London. About 2,000 women, most of them with one or more children. making about 5,000 in all, assembled in Cavendish square, where they formed in

Several banners were carried, one bearing the words "Work or Revolution: Which? The Government must decide", and another "Help the poor who help themselves". The party from Poplar had a banner with the inscriptions "Poplar women demand work or load; let the rich remember our destitution is the price paid for luxury; think of our 100,000 children who go to school hungry every day". With the party were several members of the Poplar board of

Shortly after 3 o'clock the procession started for the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, whence it was arranged to send deputations to the House of Commons. Marching six abreast, and carrying or leading the children, some of

## ON THIS DAY

February 17, 1909 经验的企业

This impressive demonstration was headed by several women prominent in the Votes for Women Movement, among them Mrs Cobden-Sanderson, Mrs

Montefiore and Mrs Despard. whom dropped out through fatigue, the women proceeded by way of Oxford Street, Bond and Victoria to the Horticultural Hall,

where they received refreshment. At Oxford Street a number of men tried to march at the head of the procession but were dispersed by the police, several hundreds of whom were present to keep order. When the procession reached Duke Street a man broke a jeweller's plate glass window with a brickbat and shouted to the crowd, "Come and help yourselves". He was at once arrested, with

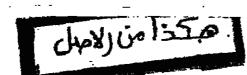
another man who tried to rescue him. A large number of the public accompanied

the procession, and considerable interest was shown in a car on which was erected a representation of a dilapidated cottage, displaying the words "An Englishman's Home

- What there is of it. Is it worth defending?" The procession was headed by a number of prominent women agitators, including Mrs Cobden-Sanderson, Mrs Despard, Miss Leighton, Mrs Monteliore, Mrs Albany, and Mrs Fairchild. As the women passed through Park Lane, the band of the Stepney Gasworkers, which marched at the head of the procession, played the Dead March in Saul.

MISS TITA BRAND'S RECITAL

For one person to read Macheth throughout is a Herculean task; and candidly, we do not think Miss Brand was wise to undertake it at her third recital at the AEolian Hall. Tragedy depends for its impressiveness upon an accumulated effect, a sequence of events from which there is no escape for the chief characters. Such an effect can hardly be obtained by a reading, however, unsparing the efforts of the interpreter. Miss Brand made full use of her commanding presence, stately gestures and histrionic capability, and succeeded in giving a mark of vividness to certain episodes; but it was beyond her power to make the various characters live before us,



#### NEWS

#### Tory beef deal bid to buy votes

■ Douglas Hogg will today announce the first steps towards lifting the beef ban in Northern Ireland in a blatant attempt to enlist support from the Ulster Unionists in tonight's censure

Ministers denied that any deals were being done. But with all parties claiming a full turnout for the vote on the handling of the BSE crisis, the nine Ulster Unionists, with just one Tory rebel, could determine the government's fate .....

#### Prowier fear girl, 13, murdered

■ Police were trying to identify a man with a scarred face who called on at least one house in a street minutes before Billie-Jo Jenkins, 13, was bludgeoned to death in the garden of her home in Hastings, east Sussex. The attack followed worries by her foster family about prowlers near the house ....

#### Exam failure

A degree examination included a question from a ten-year-old Alevel paper, highlighting fears that university standards are ... Page I Spice Girls' success

British balance of trade figures will be rosier next month thanks to the Spice Girls, the pop group which yesterday topped the American charts with ... Page I Wannabe.....

#### Britons sentenced

Three Britans were among twelve people sentenced in Cairo to jail with hard labour for smuggling Egyptian antiquities out of the country. Experts said the case highlighted the threat from art thieves to Pharaonic treasures despite new security measures ..Page 3

#### Victims beat HIV

Two men who recovered after being infected by the Aids virus HIV are giving scientists clues that could lead to better treatments for the disease ...... Page 4

#### Glorious Chipmunk

The Chipmunk trainer that has served the Army and RAF for 50 years is to leave the Colours this summer after a final trail-blazing flight to America .... .... Page 4 Oxford fees

Oxford is to examine a call by senior dons that it should charge students course fees of up to Page 5

#### Tommy award

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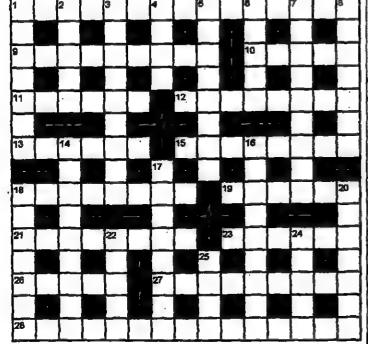
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- 12 Retain page at front of book (8). 13 Adapt my pole for use as staff (b).
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- 6 Smart husband finally replaced
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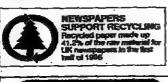
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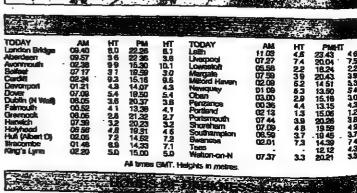
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## FAVOURITES FIND IT TOUGH GOING IN THE FA CUP OF SURPRISES



The Chelsea defence looks disbelievingly as Newton, second from right, slices the ball past Hitchcock for the own goal that gave Leicester a late equaliser at Filbert Street. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

## ewton's flaw holds Chelsea

Minnows meet for semi-final place

FA CUP QUARTER-FINAL DRAW

Chelsea

By Ros Hoseus POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE glorious uncertainty that

is the FA Cup competition for 1996-97 reached a crescendo over the weekend and Leicester City's escape from being two goals down to the Latin influence of Chelsea was thoroughly in keeping with the times. This, by any other name, was Leicester reserves; the spine had been torn out of their team with four key players suspended, three more njured and first-year profesionals asked to come in from the cold to play with effort and effrontery against a Chelsea team that had imperiously dismissed Liverpool in the previous round.

What a great shame it was, therefore, that the first goal of yesterday afternoon, a wonderful shot of precision and brutal striking power from Roberto Di Matteo, should bring sustained fighting behind the Leicester goal, fighting that takes this great game back to the ugliness of the 1980s, when football almost

apologies that can mean very much. What appeared to happen was that, because of poor segregation, a few Chelsea supporters sitting among the Leicester crowd leapt up in celebration and that was deemed sufficient to spark unbridled fisticuffs between to-called supporters of both

Chesterfield's win over Nottingham Forest on Saturday took them into the sixth round for the first time. Now, with home advantage, they can dream of greater glory. However. Wrexham are renowned cup fighters and are making

able panic. .

Given reports that Italy supporters had been similarly set apon by louis wearing England colours in Wembley Stadium last Wednesday, the awfulness of the week just past is a stark reminder to everyone that hooliganism has not been outgrown by English society, merely policed into a relatively unseen state. It does England's hid to host the 2006

World Cup little credit. But to fighting of a more legitimate kind. Chelsea, as they proved against Liverpool. are a Cup side of two halves. Before the interval, at times strolling around with arrogance in their touch and sweet harmony at their command,

By PETER BALL

A TEAM from the Nation-

wide League second division

team is guaranteed a place in

the FA Cup semi-finals this

paired Chesterfield with

Wrexham in the sixth round

of the competition, to be

reached the semi-finals, since

Plymouth Argyle, then of the

old third division, did so in

1984. In all, only six have done

so, with mone reaching the

final itself.

It will be the first time a

from this level has

played on March 8 and 9.

Yesterday's draw

place and the women who ran league to Leicester. This, of on to the pitch in understand-course, was because the Foxes were so lame, bereft of izzet, Lennon, Elliott and, above all. the wonderful hunger of their

> teenager, Heskey. Thus were Leicester put into the category of Foxes playing Cup underdogs. Yet the Leicester crowd would not settle for surrender. Not even after Di Matteo's splendid goal in the fifteenth minute and not after a second, classic counter-attack, had put Chelsea even further shead after 35

The continental players laced such movement and class into that second goal. It had started when Grayson, a right-footed player attempting to fill Leicester's left-wing berth, mishit a cross straight to Newton. From him, via Di

their third sixth-round ap-

pearance, having already won

at West Ham United and

John Duncan, the Chester-

field manager, welcomed the tie. "It is a fantastic draw for

Birmingham City.



Bradford bow out Joy at Saltergate . Results and tables Wolves savaged ..

dispatched to Petrescu. The Romanian rushed towards the remnants of the Leicester defence, drew players towards him on the inside,

to Hughes. The Welshman, 15

yards out, shot from an auda-

both sides but obviously bet-

ter for us as we are at home.

in the last few years I don't

think we have beaten them.

But the incentive to win is

enormous for both of us.

Matteo, the ball was quickly and then pushed the ball with the outside of his foot through

clous angle but with power enough along the ground to Town. Chelsea, by contrast, were able to call on Gianluca defeat Keller. Viaili and Rund Gullit.

"I didn't want to go out of the FA Cup so meekly," Leicester's articulate manag-er, Martin O'Neill, said. The adrenalin flowed. Perhaps Chelsea thought they had done enough, perhaps Zola and Di Matteo, both later withdrawn, were tired after the international on Wednesday and doubtless the ensuing Italian celebrations.

But a glance at the substitutes' benches still legislated against the home team coming back: Leicester had Stuart Wilson, a first-year professional, Jamie Lawrence, a Caribbean player who seldom gets much practice, and Sam Mc-Mahon, a player recalled from a loan spell with Kettering

the fact we haven't got one of

The third Nationwide

League team to survive, Ports-

mouth, of the first division,

were rewarded for their out-

standing win at Leeds with a

home tie, in which they will

meet the winners of the replay

between Leicester City and

Chelsea. In spite of letting slip

a two-goal lead yesterday, Chelsea are 9-4 favourites to

win the competition for the

Wimbledon, the second

favourites at 4-1, and Middles-

brough both have ambitions

of a cup double, having al-

ready reached the semi-finals

of the Coca-Cola Cup. Both

must travel: Wimbledon to

Sheffield Wednesday and

Middlesbrough to the win-

ners of the delayed fifth-

round tie between Derby

County and Coventry City.

first time since 1970.

the big clubs."

the goal was inevitable. Nevertheless, with Chelsea's expensive substitutes now on the field, hope bordering on desparation hauled Leicester on towards the climax. It came three minutes from the final whistle. Clarke was booked for a late tackle on Claridge, Parker guided his free kick this time from the right and Newton turned the ball into his own net.

So, the contest appeared

unequal. Nobody told that to

Garry Parker, a player the wrong side of 30, whose

sometimes eloquent direction

In midfield has been nullified

by a perceived lack of combat-

In the 52nd minute Parker

had struck a free kick from

wide on the left, a clever,

flighted cross towards the far

post. Hitchcock was neeligent.

or simply bemused; but when he failed to reach for the ball,

Waish, Leicester's spirited captain, met the ball with the

full force of his forehead and

ive instinct.

That was it, a strange kind equality, the violence now happily subsided and a replay date fixed for February 26, where Gullit believes home advantage will put his team comfortably through to the quarter-finals, away to Portsmouth. Gullit, indeed, suggested that Leicester had survived without merit. "Is that right?" rejoined O'Neill. "We'll try to bring the firstteam down to London for the

LDICESTER CITY (3-4-2-1): K Keller — S
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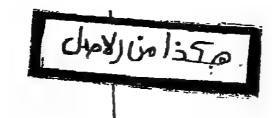
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## Sky's undertakers lose out in panel game

Des Lynam twinkled after Roberto Di Matteo eased Chelsea into the lead at Filbert Street yesterday. Indeed it had, especially if you caught a glimpse of Lazio against Inter-nazionale on Channel 4 yesterday. But it was also a week of mixed fortunes for our broadcasters, with Sky showing once again that, while its cheque book can virtually guarantee top-class sporting action, it still lags miserably behind the BBC when it comes to rurning a fixture into an occasion.

Last Wednesday, for instance, a peak audience of four million would have been hardpressed to criticise Sky's coverage of England against Italy on technical grounds, but when it came to critical content ... well, where do we start?

Ray Wilkins, Joe Royle and Bryan Robson sat there like three depressed undertakers. They may have captured the mood of the nation, but it was the sort of television that made you glad to see Jimmy Hill. John Motson and Trevor Brooking had to settle for

second best and recorded highlights for Sportsnight on BBCl, but the post-match analysis from the Euro 96 team of Hill, Hansen and Gullit was excellent. While never losing sight of the need to be critical, it was positive, upbeat and, as far as circumstances would allow, fun. Whether it was enough fun for Rund Gullit to enjoy a free 15-minute commercial for his own-label leisure-wear, however, is another matter. A less charismatic individual would not have got away with it. Charisma, though, is what



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

player whose television inter-

television sport is increasingly about, a fact that Sky must recognise. On Wednesday, it had a reasonable commentary team (Trevor Francis may have been the right nationality, but he was a poor substirute for Andy Gray alongside Martin Tyler), and a decent enough presenter in Richard Keys, but once again struggled to field pundits that its viewers might actually be pleased to

James Richardson, presenter of Gazzetta Football Italia. has charisma, albeit of a one leg over the arm of his chair (not a pretty sight), free dispatched Richardson's questions with the bare minimum of effort: "Basically, it was a case of who scored the first goal." Thanks heavens for Kenneth Wolstenholme and his extended highlights.

One of the many things that Richardson did not discover rather unorthodox, Channel 4 variety. Saturday was the big day of his season as he gave British viewers the Italian ince would not be playing in Channel 4's live game yester-day afternoon, between Lazio view (cue opera and supporters celebrating in Rome pizze-ria) of "the Zola flair that left Internazionale. Never mind, he and Paul Elliott put a brave presentational face on Ince's absence and Peter Wembley assembly trembley". Not even these silky smooth Brackley and Luther Blissett verbal skills can guarantee success, however. The probprovided commentary on the weekly game that provides one of the great unsung assets of terrestrial television. Not just lem was that Richardson's special guest was Paul Ince, a very good football, but live very good football. If only we could decide which view technique is almost defiantly limited. Sprawled, with

support. No problem ten min-utes later, at least not for the BBC, which had once again picked Chelsea for Match of

the Day live.
Once Barry Davies had established his support for Matt Le Tissier ("Good to hear Glenn Hoddle admitting he made a mistake in taking Le Tissier off and Lynam had rather half-heartedly defended the BBC's decision not to show pictures of the crowd trouble "We wouldn't want to give them the publicity"), it was not a had afternoon. The teasing of Gullit and his "two mo-ment" theory, which began on Sportsnight, continued as the game ricocheted from end to end. "Chelsea had their two moments in the first half and now Leicester have had theirs in the second," Davies said: "Nice quiet finish, isn't it," Trevor Brooking observed.

## Hingis makes it four out of four

MARTINA HINGIS maintained her unbeaten record this MAKIINA HINGIS maintained her unbeaten record this year by winning the final of the women's Paris Open yesterday. Hingis, 16, beat Anke Huber, of Germany, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to win her fourth tournament in succession. The Swiss, who ruse to No 2 in the world after winning the Australian Open last month, took less than half an hour to win the first set but exceeded the general when the formal win the first set, but conceded the second when she found trouble holding her service. Huber then struggled with her service in the decisive third set and although Hingis needed a slice of luck to move to match point, courtesy of a favourable net-cord, she finished the match with aplomb.

Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, won the men's tournament in Marseilles yesterday when his opponent Marcelo Rios, of Chile, retired early in the second set. Rios, the No 1 seed, pulled a muscle in his left leg during his semi-final match against Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, on Saturday and finally gave into the injury at 6-4 and 1-0 down to Enqvist.

#### Marshall fights back

SQUASH: Peter Marshall continued his attempt to return to the top of the sport after nearly two years out of the game with chronic farigue syndrome with victories over Paul Johnson, the Kent No I, and David Campion, the Yorkshire No I, in the National Squash Federation inter-county finals at the Howdon club in Beckenham, Kent. The former world No 2 changed county registration from Leicestershire to Nottinghamshire this year and led his new colleagues into their first inter-county final by defeating Kent 3-2 on Saturday. However, Campion's lower order for Yorkshire, the defending champions, was too strong for Nottingham-shire yesterday and they took the final 4-1.

#### Sorenstam's bright day

GOLP: Amika Sorenstam, aiming for her second tournsment win of the year, shot a three-under-par 69 to open a three-stroke lead at the end of the second round of the Los Angeles women's championship. Sorenstam, of Sweden, finished her round as darkness fell, making it difficult to gange distances from the fairway and the break on the greens. However, she still managed to par the final five holes and was nine under at 135 after two rounds of the three-day event. Ellie Gibson, without a win in her seven years on the LPGA Tour, was second on 138 after a 69.

#### Christie powers home

ATHLETICS: Linford Christie won the 100 metres at the Hobart Grand Prix meeting yesterday in a time of 10.30sec. Christie, 36, powered home to defeat Steve Brimacombe, of Australia, who recorded 10.45sec. Patrick Stevens, of Belgium, and Gus Nketia, from New Zealand, finished in a dead heat for third in 10.48sec. Keith Cullen, of Britain, finished second in the Chibe international cross-country race in Japan. The race was won by Mathias Ntawulikura, of Rwanda, in 35min 50sec over the 12-kilometre course. Cullen finished in 35min 12sec.

#### Britons miss bronze

HOCKEY: Old Loughtonians had to settle for fourth place in the European indoor club championship in Cologne vesterday, losing 11-4 in the play-off for bronze. Slagelse, the Danish champions, won their country's first European club medal by comprehensively beating the Old Boys. The Essex side missed out on a penalty corner in the opening minute, and never recovered from a second-minute penalty stroke against them. Insights Menzies Hill won the bronze medal at the B division event in Budapest yesterday.

#### Fraction beats Jackson

ATHLETICS: Colin Jackson, of Wales, was beaten by the closest of margins by Allen Johnson, of the United States, in the 60 metres hurdles in Llevin, France, yesterday. The Olympic high hurdles champion was declared the winner after both athletes finished in 7.53sec. The pair, who are heading for a showdown in the world indoor championships in Paris next month, both thought they had won after crossing the line together. Jackson set a time of 7.46sec in Stuttgart last month in an encouraging return to form.

#### Deakin retains title

CURLING: Martyn Deakin's Wigan and Haig team held off a challenge from the English junior squad, led by Mark Copperwheat, to retain the English curling title, at Perth. With both teams winning three out of four round robin matches, the decision went to a play-off, where Deakin beat Copperwheat's rink 7-2. Joan Reed, from Berwick, won the

#### Lynch rescues leaders

LACROSSE: Cheadle, the premier division leaders, dropped their first point of the season when Hulmeans held them to a 9-9 draw at Sale on Saturday. Cheadle are still unbeaten after 15 league games, but Huhmeans, who led 9-5 at one stage, nearly destroyed their record. Cheadle were rescued by Phil Lynch, who accred four goals in the dying

#### TENNIS

## Agassi follows Chang into Rusedski's bag

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GREG RUSEDSKI provided a glowing advertisement for the benefits of self-denial by achieving the most spectacular result of his career in the Sybase Open yesterday. Rusedski, the British No 2. beat Andre Agassi, the former world No I, 6-3, 6-4 in the semi-finals of the tournament at the San José Arena,

Rusedski followed up his straight-sets victory over Michael Chang, the world No 2, in the quarter-final with a performance that underlined his determination to add greater variety to his game. His opponent in the final is Pete Sampras, the world No L.

Rusedski said his willingness to devote his Christmas holiday to extra work on his game was beginning to pay dividends. He and Brian Teacher, his coach, had spent-27 days in Los Angeles, working in four-hour sessions, hitting top-spin backhands and service returns.

it was Rusedski's service, pinpoint volleying and low backhand slice that enabled him to break down Agassi. He produced 14 aces and was timed at 139mph. His service is yet to be broken in the

Rusedki. ranked No 39 in the world, is well aware that victory in the final would considerably enhance both his ranking and standing in the game. "Nobody could say I'm a fluke if f beat Chang, Agassi and Sampras in a row," he said. "That would establish me as a true threat to

Despite never having beat-en Agassi before, Rusedski broke him in the first set at 3-2 in a ten-stroke rally from the baseline and then broke him at 2-2 in the second with a down-the-line forehand return which was an outright winner. "I favour myself indoors

against anyone," he said. "I rallied well with Andre. He didn't expect my ground game to be so good." Rusedski gave notice of his improvement last month by reaching the final of the Croatia indoor tourna-Goran Ivanesevic.

Agassi, though, remained sceptical about Rusedski's ability to join the game's elite, although he did concede that he has improved his service selection. "It depends on what he's trying to accomplish." Agassi said. "If you beat a guy like Chang and me back-toback, sure, that is going to do a

is one thing to win a tournabe able to play that well all

Chang, however, was more gracious. "Obviously serving is the backbone of Greg's rame," he said after his 7-6, 6-4 defeat, "but I'm usually able to beat Greg on his second serves. Today I wasn't able to get many points on his second serves." When faced with a break point, Rusedski saved all three without approaching the net, coming up with two

During his 6-2, 6-3 semi-final win over Toold Martin. Sampras knocked down an official with an ace that cannoned off the head of the centre lineman, Ken Ordonez, That was a first." Sampras said. "I saw a lawsuit

conting.

Sampras, the defending champion, began the year by "When you can start off by winning a grand siam, it makes you relax," he said. ☐ Jamie Delgado, of Britain, was overpowered 6-3, 6-4 by Denis Van Uffelen, of Belgium, in the final of the LTA Men's satellite tournament at Chigwell yesterday. Van Uffelen, a qualifier, served 20 aces, taking his tally to 92 in



Rusedski's service was timed at 139mph during his decisive win over Agassi

## Muster surfaces from mind game to enhance standing



Muster: proved point

FROM ALEX RAMSAY

THOMAS MUSTER, the new world No 2 tennis player. proved a point late last night. winning the second hard-court title of his career by beating Goran Ivanisevic 7-5, 7-6 in the final of the Dubai Open.

The last time that Muster appeared here, 12 months ago, his pride was still suffering from the attacks made by Pere Sampras and Andre Agassi, who claimed that he could win matches only on clay and that he had no right to be the world No 1. Last night he proved that

surface. In 14 hours he showed to everybody that winning is what he does best and that there is far more to his game and his character than a powerful physique and

the ability to run. It was a match of tension. nerves and muscle, and for lvanisevic there were times when it was all too much. In the first set he let four break points slip away, and after the fourth he threw his racket away in disgust, missing a ball boy by inches, and received a code violation for

broken for the first time, despite serving two aces to take his taily to 12, and blew a fuse. He threw his racket high into the air towards the crowd, stormed back to his seat and kicked his bottle of water away. That earned him a further code violation for unsportsmanlike conduct and a

With the first set gone and the temper tantrums done with. Ivanisevic and Muster settled down to a battle of power and nerve. Ivanisevic has never been the subtlest of players - serve hard and

whenever you see the ball belt it good and hard — but, against Muster, who will run until he drops to retrieve the most impossible of lost causes, the result was bound to come down to a couple of points and

Ivanisevic kept pace with Muster stroke for stroke from the baseline as the second set progressed, producing his best tennis of the week. The aces came when he needed them, but the luck was missing. Twice he had a set point on Muster's service to level the scores, but twice the net-cord robbed him of his chance. As the baseline forcing every point and hitting the ball harder and harder, they were forced into a tie-break.

Neither was prepared to concede an inch and Ivanisevic, who has a habit of falling apart under such pressure, passed the test of character with flying colours. Unfortunately for him. though, Muster proved the stronger. Falling 3-0 behind and ending up flat on his back as he raced to scramble back yet another Muster forehand, shouting.

## Price storms to victory

GOLF

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF Price had completed nine un-

LIGHTNING brought out the best in Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, as he powered to an eight-stroke victory in the Dimension Data Pro-Am at Sun City, in South Africa yesterday. His total of 268, 20 under par, was never challenged by his nearest rival, David Frost, of South Africa,

who finished on 276. Price played his final holes in almost total darkness after nearly 90 minutes of play in the afternoon were lost

When the lightning struck

PETER LONARD capped one of golfs remarkable comebacks with a gripping play-off victory over Peter O'Malley in the Australian Masters at Huntingdale in Melbourne on Sunday.

O'Maliey, on the second extra hole of a play-off to capture his first professional victory after both had finished the 72 Results, page 32 regulation holes locked on

impressive holes in the regu-lation 36. When play resumed after the storm, he birdied three of the next five holes to reinforce his position.

He said: "When they asked bogeys.
The South African also us on 17 if we wanted to carry

on playing because it was getting dark, I ran from the ree to my ball.

"I was just really happy we finished today, even though on my last putt I couldn't really

## Lonard takes play-off

Lonard, 29, beat his fellow New South Welshman, Peter

276, 16 under. Lonard and O'Malley, who won the 1995 Benson and Hedges International, both parred the first play-off hole, the 18th. At the second, the par-four 17th, both players missed the green, with O'Malley far to the right, His chip finished about 2'2 metres from the hole, while Lonard's

was 12 metres away. O'Mailey pulled his putt and it slid by, but Lonard made no mistake.

performance on the front nine. none of his rivals were able to take advantage. Frost, who started the day on 11-under, had an eventful round liberally sprinkled with birdies and

seemed to be inspired by the lightning and recorded bird-ies on the 10th, 12th, and 14th holes, but then promptly bogeyed the 15th and 16th

Thomas Bjorn, of Denmark, was also unable to capitalise on Price's early slump. Three birdies and three bogeys saw him finish third on 277.

Padraig Harrington, of Ire-land, who started the final round on his own in second position, on 12-under, strug-gled to a three-over-par 75, which included bogeys on the final two holes.

Harrington finished on 279, sharing fourth position with Ronnie McCann, of the United States, Stephen Ames, of Trinidad and Tobago, Wayne Westner, of South Africa, and Mark McNulty, of Zimbahwe. It was Price's first tournsment victory since the Zimbabwe Open in December 1995.

#### MOTOR RACING

## Williams silent on 'debris'

BY OUVER HOLT

THE Williams Formula One A second picture, taken after team last night refused to say whether they would use a photograph published in The Sunday Times yesterday as evidence in the defence of three of their top officials who are accused of the manslaughter of the late, three times champion, Ayrton

The picture, taken by the French motor racing photographer, Paul-Henri Cahier. and never before published, shows a fragment of debris apparently lying in the path of Senna's Williams-Renault shortly before it crashed at the Tamburello corner during the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix, küling the Brazilian driver. It is possible that Senna ran

over the debris, which appears by its colour to have become detached from the Benetton driven by JJ Lehto after the Finn was involved in a startline accident with the Lotus of Pedro Lamy. The Brazilian may have damaged a tyre in the process or swerved to avoid it and lost control over the bumps in the turn into the

Senna had passed the debris, is said to show that the position of the fragment on the track had moved, suggesting that there was some form of contact. But the evidence is so circumstantial that it is unlikely to have much bearing on the trial of Frank Williams, the

Williams team owner. Patrick Head, the technical director. Adrian Newey, the car's designer, and three race officials, which begins in Imala on Thursday.
If anything, it may strengthen the Williams case slightly

but neither the picture, nor the outlandish theory put forward in the same article that Senna might have blacked out because he had been holding his breath, is likely to provoke as much debate as the assertion of the prosecution that the steering column on Senna's car snapped as he tried to negotiate the bend at more than 190mph. He died of massive head injuries.

At the Williams annual preseason lunch for the British press last week. Head hinted compelling evidence to refute the theory about the steering column and that he and his coaccused would contest the charges vigorously.
"It is a serious engineering

not the sort of thing I want on my record. It has not been easy coping with it and the only way I manage it is to compartmentalise things in my mind."

outcome that is thought unlikely, they will appeal and the process could drag on for more than a decade. A guilty verdict would also bring the future of motor racing in Italy into doubt, even though Max Mosley, the president of the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA), has initiated attempts to formulate a dangerous sports law that would protect teams and officials in any similar incident. ☐ Jan Magnussen, 23, the Danish driver of the Stewart-

Ford team, suffered a minor

leg injury needing six stitches when he crashed during test-

ing at the Estoril circuit in

Portugal on Saturday.

## Bronze medal helps to salvage Tomba's pride

SKIING

vaged some of his reputation on the final day of the Alpine skiing world champional. skiing world championships in Sestriere by recovering to earn a bronze in the slalom on the final day of the event.

Deborah While Deborah Compagnoni, Tomba's Italian compation, was hailed as the undisputed queen of the slopes with gold medals in the slalom and giant slalom. Tomba struggled under the units of according to the property of according to the state of the state o weight of expectation from his home crowd.

He was always going to find it difficult to reproduce his double gold medal-winning performance at the championships in Sierra Nedogged by a combination of injury and illness. He withdrew from the first

leg of the giant statom last Wednesday and looked as if he was heading for the loss of face that he had dreaded. However, he fought off the effects of an illnes that had looked likely to force his withdrawal, to take the bronze

He and Kristin Ghedina, in the downhill, who also won bronze, were the only Italian men to win medals in Sestriere. The women did the

rest with three golds and a silver. Only the Norwegians, with three men's golds and three silvers, finished above the host nation in the final Permilla. Wiberg, of Sweden, the overall World Cup leader, also left it to the last day to take her medal. She won a downhill bronze, but was delighted with what was her

Hilary Lindh, of the United States, shared the headlines on the final day by winning the women's downhill title. The result represented a remarkable comeback by Lindh, who won bronze last year, after she contemplated retirement earlier in the

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## New Zealand's second-innings collapse leaves final Test delicately balanced

## Spin bowlers restore England's hopes

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN CHRISTCHURCH

CHRISTCHURCH (third day of five): New Zealand, with four second-innings wickets standing, lead England by 213

CRICKET has never depended exclusively on quality for its drama and two indifferent teams have injected the dying days of this series with acrimony, uncertainty and no little excitement. The standard of the game may have been largely undistinguished but the final Test has lacked nothing in incident. Yesterday began with Mich-

ael Atherton, once more cast as a hero in adversity, becom-ing only the seventh Englishman to carry his bat through a Test innings. It ended with one New Zealander refusing to walk on being given out and another batting with a broken hand as their control of the match was eroded by En-gland's spin bowlers. The confrontational tone of

the contest was set long before Bryan Young declined to acknowledge that a catch at silly point by Nick Knight had been taken cleanly and that the umpire, Darrel Hair, had raised his finger. Young stood his ground until Hair, betraying doubt, walked across to square leg, consulted with his colleague, Steve Dunne, and confirmed the decision. It seemed, at the time, a blatant transgression of the code of conduct, though some of the behaviour that preceded it was scarcely more attractive.

Here, as in Wellington last week, there has been a simmering hostility between the sides, a sense of straining for excessive aggression to com-pensate for limited ability. Some of the words exchanged. notably between Dominic Cork and Adam Parore, were cheap of origin and childish of nature. By last night, the involvement of the match ref-

With that said, New Zea-. land, their stock subterranean as the game approached, have rallied with spirit. Whatever the result, they have given England a fright, one they plainly needed. As so often in the wake of a win, England's cricket submitted to complacency, with potential conse quences paradoxically direst for the man who did most to

To state that Atherton thrives in such situations has He has risen to deunting challenges so frequently now that it seems his technique is refined under duress, his hunger sharpened by the adrena-lin of danger. He was six runs away from his first century of



Atherton stands alone, awaiting the arrival of yet another partner during his defiant unbeaten innings of 94. Photograph: Graham Chadwick / Allsport

winter, and still batting with an untroubled calm, when the last of his inadequate partners departed.

Defeat here would affect no

one more harshly than Atherton. Only days ago, he was apparently being endorsed for another: summer as captain but to lose with ignominy at the end of a series that has otherwise been dominated by his team would be a severe blow for his stature and support. Having invited trouble by putting in New Zealand, then watched his fast bowlers compound the error by pitching dim-wittedly short, he could hardly have

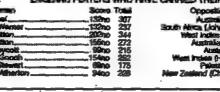
Last night. Atherion was restrained in his criticisms of England's cricket over the first two days. The pitch didn't do a right lot," he offered by way of defence for his toss decision. "We bowled a bit short early

attack. And the batting? "A little bit indisciplined ... but we have got another chance to

per that right."

Discipline, in fact, was absent from the England innings, virtually whenever Atherton himself was not on strike. From the moment on Saturday afternoon when Knight fell in a frenetic style now worryingly familiar, to the crazy interlude after lunch vesterday when Philip Tufnell. the No II, scampered last-ball singles as if intent on farming the strike from a captain six hours into his act, this was frail, characterless betting. Alec Stewart played as if he

Hussain and John Crawley were both guilty of careless driving: Graham Thorpe played on to a change bowler recently derided by the England coach. Then, perhaps most reprehensible of all,



poorly executed pull to the fifth ball of the morning esterday and was caught

Minutes earlier, Cork had been telling viewers of Sky has a short memory. "It happens," Atherton shrugged later. But, in such circumstances. it should not hancen.

Cork's aberration left England 145 for six, an intimidating distance short of a New aland total to which they had generously donated. Defi-The plain fact is that New ance of great resolution was required and, for 85 minutes, Atherton found stoical support

from Robert Craft. This has been a fine game for Croft and his batting exhibited all the virtues that nored. His shot selection was sound and he offered the full face of the bat to everything. Only his dismissal after a stand worth 53, was laughable as a slow, high full toss from Astle was spooned to mid-on.

Atherion was now unable to

Gough and Andy Caddick fell cheaply and Tufnell played his cameo, full of confidence if short on tactical sense. When it was over, Atherton was left as the first Englishman since Stewart against Pakistan, at Lord's five years ago, to bat through a Test innings. I wonder if he felt much

keep the strike as Darren

Zealand had outbowled England, as well as outbatting them. A lead of 118, with more than half the playing hours to come, was an enviable advantage but Atherion's captaincy was now reflected in his v as well as his examo "I told them to remember Port Elizabeth last year, when we were 160 behind and then had South Africa 60 for six." he said. It was a speech of startling effect. Cork struck with his fourth ball, Pocock unsure whether to

ie, the soldners had shared 38 overs and taken four wickets for 49 and Matt Horne was wincing with pain at every defensive push. The game was in the balance, which is perhans more than England

over before tea.

could have expected a few

play a stroke or not and

making a nonsense of the

compromise. New Zealand

would have been nought for

two if Knight had clung on to a

one-handed slip chance of-

fered by Young off Caddick

but Parore, restored to No 3, made little headway before falling to Gough in the final

The final session was En-

gland's best of the match.

Croft and Tufnell operated

together, probing and pres-surising, and New Zealand

reacted nervily. Their position

gradually collapsed as four

close catches were taken, three

of them by Knight. By the

BOWLING: Alloid 18-3-74-4 (nib 2, w 1, 10 lours; 7-2-35-2, 5-1-14-1, 2-0-7-0, 2-0-8-0, 2-0-10-1); Douid 17.4-3-49-1 (7 lours; 6-0-15-0, 4-0-12-0, 5-2-14-0, 2-4-1-8-1); Davis 18-2-50-1 (to 3; 6 lours; 10-0-30-0, 6-2-16-1, 2-0-4-0); Vettori 12-4-13-1 (1-0-5-0, 3-1-2-0, 3-6-1), Cairre 8-5-12-1 (2 lours, and spet), Astle 11-2-28-2 (3 lours, 3-0-11-1, 8-2-15-1).

SCORING NOTES: Second day: Test: 64-2 (16 overs, 71mm, Atherton 24, Hussam 11). Stumps: 145-5 (49 overs, 204min: Atherton 88, Cot. 15). That oday: Lunch: 210-8 (80 overs, 325mm; Atherton 92, Caddick 4). Second new ball: 210-8 (80 overs) at 1,10pm.

Umpires: R & Dutine and D B Has Third umpire: D M Quested. Match referee; P.J.P.Burge (Australia)

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Auck-land) Match drawn. Second Test (Wellington): England won by an image and 88 are

#### S Africa struggle to resolve problem at No 3

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WESTERN Province made a bold, early declaration yesterday and then took four Australian second-innings wickers to set up an intriguing conclusion to the three-day match in

Cape Town. After John Commins, the captain, declared at 261 for five, 178 runs behind the Australians' 439 for four on the first day, Jacques Kallis picked up three wickets with his medium pace to reduce the Australians to 78 for four. giving them a 256-run lead with six wickets in hand.

Earlier, the four-pronged medium pace Australian at-tack had bowled impressively against a strong Western Province batting line-up for

Playing without Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne, the Australians had the Western Province batsmen struggling, until the fifth-wicket partnership of Commins and scored 60 in 48 minutes to set up the declaration.

Jason Gillespie made a strong claim to share the new ball with McGrath in the three Tests, bowling well within himself to pick up one for 33. He claimed the wicket of Gary Kirsten, the Test opener, who was well caught by Steve Waugh at gully after he and Sven Koenig - who was in for three hours for 45 - had batted for nearly two hours in putting on 78 runs.

Kallis (31) and Gibbs (28) the aspirants for the troubled No 3 spot in the South Africa Test team, looked solid, but failed to make big scores, each falling to catches behind the

Opting for more batting practice, the Australians opened their second innings with Blewett and Langer, who put on 28 before Langer edged an attempted hook off Schultz Solomons,

wicketkeeper. Three balls later Bevan was trapped leg-before by Kallis with his second ball of the innings to leave the Australians on 34 for two.

After a brief 37-run stand between Blesvett (39 not out) and Healy, the Australians jost two wickets in three balls to Kallis.

☐ Zimbabwe secured a 1-0 one-day series victory over pitch forced the scheduled second game, at the Harare Sports Club, to be abandoned yesterday. The washout gives Zimbabwe their second successive home victory in a oneday series after their 3-0 victory over England last month. Zimbabwe won the opening match on Saturday by eight wickets after rain reduced their target to 136 in 38 overs. It was only their second one-day win over India in 15 attempts.



#### Young walks out of trouble Young was fifth out, one short of his half-century, but BRYAN YOUNG, the New

Zealand opening batsman, escaped without punishment at Lancaster Park yesterday after committing one of the fundamental sins of cricket by refusing to leave the field on being given out (Alan Lee

This lenient treatment was announced, after a disciplinary hearing, by the match referee, Peter Burge, the same man who heavily fined Michael Atherton, the England captain, at the Oval in 1994 when his alleged dissent extended to shaking his head and looking at his bat after being adjudged leg-before. The incident occurred late on the third day of the final Test as England, having con-

ceded a first-innings lead of

118, recovered ground rapidly.

he plainly disputed the legality of Nick Knight's catch at silly point off the bowling of Phil Knight plunged low to scoop

up the chance off bat and pad and the Australian umpire, Darrell Hair, immediately upheld the appeal. Young, however, simply stood and shook his head, believing that the catch had been taken on the half-volley. Television replays showed him saying: "He didn't catch that. No way." When it was clear Young

had no intention of walking. Hair compromised his own position by consulting with his square-leg colleague. Steve Dunne, before raising his linger again. This time, Young marched off without hesita-

tion, but he must have known

Zealand coach, saying: "I am very disappointed with the decision."

he was walking into trouble. Burge called a hearing after receiving Hair's report, but, two hours later, issued a statement exonerating Young. who had offered the explanation that he did not see the finger raised. "Given his unblemished record." Burge reported, "I have decided to

take no further action." Atherton, on whom the irony of the decision will not have been lost partially supported Young's defence by saying that, from his fielding position at mid-wicket, he also had been unaware the decision had been given. Opinions differed on the catch uself, with Steve Rixon, the New

## HAL THED DAY SCOREBOARD FROM CHRISTCHURCH

## NEW ZEALAND; First innings B A Young b Cork \_\_\_\_\_ 9min, 11 bells, 2 lours) B A Pocock c Atherton b Cr

- Educate (b 1, lb 16, nb 19) .... Totali (122.1 overs, 522min) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14 (Popols 1), 2-78 (Home 30), 3-106 (Fleming 11), 4-137 (Fleming 25), 5-201 (Parore 25), 6-283 (Caims 40), 7-208 (Caims 43), 8-310 (Vettori 7), 9-337 (Dews 7). BOWLING: Cork 20-3-78-1 (rb 14; 7 fours: 6-1-33-1, 6-2-20-0, 3-0-14-0, 5-0-11-0); Cacklick 32-8-64-1 (rb 2; 4 fours; 5-2-5-0; 5-2-8-0, 3-0-8-0, 2-0-

Second innings

SCORING NOTES: Second day: Lunch: 314-8 (119 overs, 494rps; Vetton 9, Davis 1)

Extras (lb 5, nb 3) ....

(60mm, 44 balls, 2 fours) R D B Croft c Davis b Astle (R3mm, 67 balls, 5 lours) D Gough b Vettori

Total (6 wids, 56 overs, 205min) ... 95 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0 (Young O), 2-42 (Young 29, 3-61 (Young 37), 4-76 (Young 45), 5-80 (Caims O), 6-89 (Caims 4).

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#### Officials warn Smith to comply with regulations on drugs testing trying to contact Smith out of Craig Lord says the Irish swimmer may reported to be found, the



ichelle Smith, the Ireland swimmer who won three Olympic titles and a bronze medal in Atlanta last summer, has been warned by Fina, the international governing body, that she is one infringement away from possible sanction, including suspension from the sport.

The move comes six months after Smith's phenomenal progress became the talking point of the Games, provoking questions about drugs. Smith, then 26, strenuously denied she had ever taken banned substances, putting her success down to hard work. The warning from Fina follows Smith's failure to

make herself available for a

drugs test on October 13 last

year. It is the latest in a series

of communications to the

Irish Amateur Swimming As-

sociation (IASA) from Fina

expressing concern over diffi-

culties testers have had when

testing twice, the national federation will be made aware. If the swimmer cannot be located on one further occasion, they could be considered to "have refused to submit to doping control". The penalty, a four-year sus-

Fina rules brought in at the

Atlanta Olympic Games are clear; if a swimmer fails to

appear for out-of-competition

competition.

pension from the sport, is the same as for those who test positive for anabolic steroids. Fina documents obtained by The Times show that testers from International Doping Tests and Management (IDTM), arrived unannounced at Smith's residence in Celbridge, Co Kildare, at 3.30pm on October 13. All top 50 swimmers in the world most supply details of their daily movements to their

However, IDTM's report roids out of competition. to Fina states: "Michelle has

be one infringement from suspension

She did not return until October 15." The no-show is in dear contravention of Fina wrote to the IASA noting its roles and attaching the IDTM report form for "an unavailable athlete". Fina states that "regarding Mi-chelle Smith" the IASA should note that "in order to prevent any sanction in the future, it is important that each swimmer be responsible for informing his/her federation of his/her schedule and that the information is forwarded to Fina in time".

The drive to increase outof-competition testing followed events in 1994, when seven Chinese swimmers tested positive for anabolic ste-Fina's letter of last month

the IASA on September 13, 1996, expressing concern with Smith's address form, which requests precise details of where swimmers can be found on any given day. "The information is rather vague and on the second page, the daily calendar is not filled out," Fina says. A year before the latest

warning, on Jamuary 17, 1996. Fina had informed the IASA that Fina/IDTM had "tried to contact in the first three quarters of 1995, at the address provided, the following swimmer and unfortunately, she was unappainable. Ms Michelle Smith."

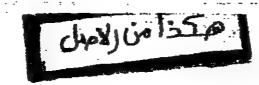
In that letter, Finz gives warning that on "future unsuccessful attempts to collect samples from swimmers at locations where they were swimmer may be sanetioned". At the time, that provided for a suspension of up to two years. It was in 1995 that Smith made her big breakthrough,

winning the 200 metres butterfly, 200 metres medley and finishing runner-up in the 400 metres medley at the European championships in Vienna. She was accompanied in Austria by her coach since 1993 and the man she would marry. Erik de Bruin, former Dutch shot and discus champion who was suspended from athletics for four years in August 1993 after a drug test revealed an elevated level of testosterone and human chorionic gonadotrophin, a banned substance.

De Bruin now faces a ban from swimming because of an incident that took place in Vienna. He accompanied Smith to doping control as her representative. He said, however, that he had lost his false name, according to Swimming League, who now heads the Fina Doping Commission set up in Atlanta to judge doping cases. Beyer has said that the

League, would "not be ready to give him any credentials any more without clarifying what happened in Vienna." The statement has particular importance as the European championships take place in Seville, Spain, in August. Smith has always maintained that she is against the

use of drugs. Since 1994, she has faced questions about de Bruin and her vast progress. In 1995, she set an Irish record over 400 metres freestyle of 4min 26.18sec, a time that did not rank her among the world's top 150. Fifteen months later, she clocked 4min 07.25sec for victory in Atlanta at the age of 26. The sport had seen nothing like it.



FROM GERALD DAVIES

WALES'S ardent and faithful supporters, of whom there were a great many spilling over the Parisian pavements on Saturday, are left to wonder what their team must do to win. Score more points than the opposition is manifestly and inescapably the answer. But try to convince them that there is not a malign influence at work that ensures that the nebulous quality called the rub of the green. which they so generously en-joyed at Murrayfield, is now conspiring, unforgivingly, against them. "We had too much against Scotland," Neil Jenkins, the recipient of this influence, said, "for sure, we haven't had any since then."

If Eric Elwood's garryowen. with the help of the Arms Park woodwork and which Wales's full back failed to take cleanly. helped to cause Wales's downfall against Ireland, then a cruel high and hesitant bounce caused the feeling of helpless dismay on Saturday.

Aucagne's failed attempt at a dropped goal in the 24th minute of the second half bounced beneath Wales's posts. The vertical bounce discomposed Jenkins. He and Gareth Thomas attempted to readjust their positions but were too late before Lamaison latched on to the awkward rolling ball to pass to Leflamand to score his second and France's fourth try.

This was at a time when the visitors, having much the better of the match's other spoils, were attempting to close a tenpoint gap which had opened up in the second minute of the first haif's injury time. Bateman's try and Jenkins's conversion had closed it to three by the eleventh minute of the second half. Then the demons struck to restore the ten-point margin once more and even though Wales created a beautiful score for Howley, the deficit proved too

much. France themselves admitted that Wales were the more convincing team. There is no exaggeration in saying that this was Wales's most consummate performance for a decade and more. For once at Parc des Princes they performed as equals to the French and looked and played as though they were capable of winning. They were well worthy of breaking France's defence of an undefeated 22-year period of success. The brutal



RESULTS: Ireland 15 France 32 Scot-land 19 Wales 34, England 41 Scotland 13, Wales 25 Ireland 26: France 27

scoreboard is not quite so generous: nor does it indicate what a fine and fast game this

MATCHES TO COME: March 1: England v France; Scotland v Ireland March 15; France v Scotland, Wales v England.

It could be argued that France's six changes for this match upset their rhythm. It is a point. France's forced changes during the match might have assisted Wales too. Bringing on David Aucagne for Richard Dourthe served only to restore Lamaison to centre, his club position. More pertinent perhaps was Miorin's departure from the second row. The visitors won the lineout 11-3 after the inter-

But Llewellyn and Rowley had already begun to assert their authority by that stage so that the whole team were growing in stature. France could only play in fits and starts. But, with Sadoumy in threatening form around the manoeuvrings of Glas and Lamaison, they capitalised more on their chances than did Wales. If France played to the widths, then so also did Wales, who could not, on this occasion, be considered second best in this style.



Howley: fine try

much as Ireland had done at Cardiff Arms Park when they. too, went behind after an early score. A powerful opening salvo saw the broad shoulders of Olivier Merle carry a trio of Welsh players over for the first similar to that of Ireland. By

the end of the first quarter they were in the lead with a try superbly created from the back row for the benefit of Gareth Thomas, Jenkins's conversion and penalty accounted for the other points.

Quinnell, Howley and Bateman drew special praise from Pierre Villepreux, the France assistant coach, who always likes to see players comfortable with the ball in their hands and looking for spaces. Bateman's classical breaks were worthy of a master-class label. Jo Maso. the former France centre, thought Arwei Thomas has a bright future. Both Frenchmen are of an adventurous nature. They are well worth

listening to.

For all Wales's efforts, and the territory did largely belong to them, three scores in sever minutes towards the end of the first half undid all their good work. Aucagne chipped be-hind the slow-turning Gareth Thomas to give Lellamand his first try. Wales's failure at the restart gave France the ball from which Lamaison sprinted away to send Venditti for his fourth try of the championship. With Aucagne's penalty. Wales's 10-7 lead was reversed to 20-10 in this short space of

Still the visitors forced the pace of the match, with Bateman taking an inside nass from Evans for a try which Jenkins converted. They took the game firmly to the French, who began to play desperately and looked bedraggled. Then the fates struck to extend France's lead to which Howley's try merely

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WALES: N. R. Jenkine (Pankynodd); I. C. Evane (Lanell), A. G. Beterneri (Richmond), I. S. Gibbs. (Swansca), G. Thornes (Bridgend): A. C. Thornes (Swansca), F. Horritey (Cardill), G. D. Londer (Swansca), J. M. Humphreys (Cardill), C. D. Young, (Cardill), D. Young, (Cardill), S. M. Williams (Nicoth), D. Young, (Cardill), S. M. Williams (Nicoth), M. Rowley (Phrhypridd), G. O. Liweellyn (Flatinoums), C. L. Chevis (Bwansca), L. S. Oulmell (Flatinoum), Evans replaced by J. Davies (Cardill, Samil).
Reserver, P. Magnhalf (Australia).



Dourthe, the French centre; bursts through the challenge of Charvis, the Wales flanker. Dourthe later went off with a dislocated shoulder

## Impromptu choir hits optimistic note

JOHN HOPKINS

A people sang lustily on the Métro in Paris on Saturday evening. Having left Parc des Princes, they got on at Porte de St Cloud and began serenading a sparselyoccupied carriage.

Why were they singing? Wales has just been beaten 27-22. by four tries to three. That was hardly just cause for men with red caps on their heads and red scarves around their necks to exercise their vocal cords. Maybe they were singing in anticipation of what promises to be a cracker ame. England against France at Twickenham, witer two unbeaten teams will play the match that may decide the grand siam.

The choral society was Welsh, however, and for once they were not singing to drown their sorrows. "Vive le Pays de Galles," they said as they alighted from the Métro at Miromesnil. Long live Wales indeed, because even Frenchmen admitted in bars and cafés in Paris on Saturday night that their team had been fortunate to win.

These are heady days in the

five nations' championship as the countries struggle to alter their styles of play. Wales have only one victory from three games but have scored ten tries. France have scored eight in their two victories while England have notched up 87 points in two games European teams are at last beginning to play the specta-tor-friendly rugby the south-

have favoured for years. "The way we won was by running rugby," Pierre Ville-preux, who is described as an entraineur-adjoint of the French team, said, "It is important to run at the bes ning of a game. Mistakes will happen if you try to run the ball but that is the way we want to play. It is very good for the game. We will play exactly the same way against England except we will make less mistakes and score more

tries and more points." Still, it takes two to play rugby and Wales matched France break for break. "We are aspiring to that type of game," Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, said. "We are trying for an increased tempo.

At Parc des Princes

to keep the ball in play. If this is how the southern hemisphere play, then fine. There has been a change in our attitude to running the ball and scoring tries. Wales are close to producing quality

winning rugby." This is the time for Wales's selectors to stand firm. Their team is good, though not so good that a stronger front five would not be welcome. From Howley at scrum half out to

strike runners who appear capable of opening most defences. Howley matures from game to game, as does Arwel Thomas. Scott Gibbs and Allan Bateman looked devus-

tating. Bateman cut lines of attack in his thrusting, bullocking runs that are more amusual and more successful than any other centre playing in the championship. Again and again, he attacked the French at different angles and again and again he caused only and the if only about this team is: if only Thomas on the

Neil Jenkins now looks comfortable in his role as an international full back, whereas at stand-off he sometimes appeared ponderous. He has been unfortunate in his past two internationals that soft tries have resulted from moves in which he has been involved. First Ireland, and then France, have been given seven points by the bounce of a ball. "I have learnt not to worry," Jenkins said. "Full

back is a difficult position to

quickly. I am getting on with

All this makes Wales against England in Cardiff in a month an exciting prospect. Just as Wasps, Sale, Saracens and Harlequins have broken the duopoly of Bath and Leicester in the Courage Clubs Championship, so it is essential that at least one of the Celtic countries offers a land or France for the championship. European rugby is never strong enough if the Celtic countries are weak.

dragon's heartbeat of producing a decent team, one canable of making Wales a rugby nation to respect and not to pity. A strong performance in the 1999 World Cup no longer seems a pipedream Indeed, Villepreux hinted at this in his halting English. "If they choose to continue this rugby then in a few years they will be difficult to beat." Then, in fact, Wales supporters may really have something to sing

#### Exeter prevail as old traditions die hard

BY BARNEY SPENDER

IF ANYONE needed proof that rugby life still exists in this increasingly professional age outside the rarefied atmosphere of the Courage Clubs Championship first division and the second division wannabes, then they should have been at Exeter on Saturday. This was a cracking third

division game which saw the lead change five times in the second half before Andy Green's last-minute penalty snatched a win for the home side. Then there was time for a pie and a pint. Just like the old days when rugby was an amateur game. Not that either side has been

caught in a time warp of amateurism. Both have adopted a professional attitude and. with Morley, are locked in a tight battle to see who will join likely champions, Fylde, in the second division next season.

Exeter owed their victory to a storming performance from their back row of Dixon, Batchelor and Armstrong who not only carried the ball and

created space for the runners. but denied Colin Stephens, the former Wales stand-off, time to conduct affairs for Leeds.

Exeter took the lead with the first of Green's four penalties extended it when Batchelor's drive was finished off by Woodman on the right wing. Leeds came back strongly and were level midway through the half thanks to Ainscough's kicking and a try from Griffin. And by half-time they had moved into a 16-13 lead.

In the second half. Ainscough extended the lead with the fourth of his six penalties before Batchelor crashed over again. Green's conversion put Exeter 20-19 ahead but, with penalties going either way, the lead changed another three times before the Exeter stand-off half's last-minute effort.

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## Former players want independent body to oversee rugby in Scotland

IF, after a year of trauma, the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) thought it had won the hearts and minds of those involved in the sport, it learnt yesterday that it is mistaken. As the SRU prepared today to reveal its aces for the future running of the game - expected to include a streamlined executive and the co-option as advisers of some of the biggest names in Scottish business - Murrayfield is in danger of being trumped by a map hand of high-profile former internationals. Jim Aitken and David Sole, captains of

grand slam-winning sides in 1984 and 1990 respectively. Finlay Calder and Gavin Hastings, who led the British Isles in 1989 and 1993, and Iain Milne have entered the fray. They are demanding that, at the very least, an independent commission — with the emphasis on independent - be set up to look at the way the sport is run in Scotland.

They despair at what they perceive to be secrecy shrouding the SRU's operations and the general apathy that is afflicting the game. With no axe to grind other than to see Scotland successful again, they hope their public stance will stimulate the type of debate that David Johnston, the Scotland assistant coach, unsuccessfully attempted to instigate in proposals sub-mitted to the SRU last year.

"The union is not prepared to listen to anyone," Aitken, who fears the announcement today from Murrayfield will merely

constitute a reshuffling of the deckchairs, said. "They have got the power and want to keep the power. They are accountable to no one. What other business in the country and a multimillion-pound one at that, is operated in this way? Somebody has got to stand up and be counted. David [Johnston] had a genuine attempt to have some realistic input into the running of the game, but he's been ignored."

As well as greater accountability and democracy, the coalition of such powerful names would like to see a commission set up along the lines of that which ultimately led to a restructuring of the New Zealand RFU. Among other things, the Boston



Report advocated a streamlined committee, and its recommendations were put into effect last year. "New Zealand allowed them a free hand and what their union did was act upon what was suggested." Aitken said.

Whether the "Murrayfield Five" will be successful is another matter, but the level of discontent at the direction the game is taking in Scutland is very real, and one the SRU knows it would be dangerous to ignore. Its insistence that districts should represent Scotland in Europe is only one part of the general malaise.

However, the SRU believes its vision, to be revealed today, will go a long way to answering its critics, among them the senior clubs' association, Scottish First Division Rugby, which may also seek further confrontation should the union's proposals offer only compromise.

It is understood that the opinions of.

some of the most illustrious names in the business world, including Sir George Mathewson, chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland, one of the SRU's main sponsors, have been canvassed and that individuals of his pedigree may well be involved in shaping the way the game is

The SRU was reluctant to comment on the developments yesterday, saying only that its own review had "sought a range of views from inside and outside Scottish rugby which address the key elements of management and accountability in the

## Fylde open up big gap but remain cautious

BY MICHAEL AYLWIN

THE Courage Clubs Champ-ionship third division is nota-ble for the chasm that separates the leaders. Fyide, from the rest. In putting 60 points past struggling Havant on Saturday they opened up a nine-point lead over the chasing pack, but Graham Smith, formerly coach of England Colts, remained commendably cautious about his team's promotion prospects.

"I'm obviously pleased with our performance today and our position in the table, but there is a long way to go yet and we have some very difficult away fixtures ahead."

Morley and Exeter have two games in hand over the leaders, which could cut Fylde's lead to five. So the league is still alive.

Fylde's back row were one step ahead of Havant, and they boasted more invention at half back and greater speed out wide. Nine tries formed the backbone of their points tally. Steve Gough, their experienced stand-off half and leading points-scorer, collected 20 points and was the Imaginative architect of the victory, while his partner at scrum half, Chris O'Toole, further unnerved the Havant defence with his running and claimed two sparkling tries.

But Fylde's threat was perhaps best personified in Mark Preston, the right wing, who has recently returned to the club after a spell in rugby league. He is Fylde's leading try-scorer and his pace and vision were instrumental in several Fylde tries, which included two for himself. Havant competed effectively

in the set pieces, particularly the lineout, but, although there were plenty of encouraging signs, this game did nothing to ease their fight against relegation.

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> FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

CAN we cope with revelation and disappointment within the space of 80 minutes? The revelation came from an England side that, if it goes on like this, will destroy all five nations' championship records. The disappointment stemmed from the imprecision of so much play which a better side than Ireland would have punished, and with it the growing

confidence of a young XV.

There is a balance to be struck between what we are entitled to expect from a team involved in the highest level of rugby in the northern hemi-sphere, and the development to full maturity of 15 players who came together only last month. For much of the first hour on Saturday, the inaccuof both teams at



CHAMPIONSHIP

Lansdowne Road would have made a New Zealander weep, yet by the end, so knowledge able an individual as Sean Fitzpatrick, the All Blacks captain, could describe Eng-land as well down the road towards success.

Piece by piece the England jigsaw is coming together. Not only are they playing better for longer, but the key units are also coming to understand each other. Here it was the back row that found itself, perhaps impelled by the quality of those from the A side who would usurp them. Just as the combination of Corry, Diprose and Back had stood firm amid an untidy jumble of a game 24 hours earlier, so Rodber, with an authoritative display, Dallaglio and Hill showed how to destruct and,

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more important, construct. Whether so much destruction is necessary before England's final turn of the screw remains a moot point, but who can argue with a side that has scored 87 points in two matchthe championship record established by England in 1992 - of 118 points? Never before have they posted so high a score in a championship match, imposing on the way Ireland's worst defeat in

the competition. Poor Ireland. The bubble of confidence so disproportionately swelled after a one-point win in Wales popped resound-ingly in the final 15 minutes,

Staples, right, and Topping are unable to prevent Sleightholme scoring the first of his two tries for England against Ireland on Saturday when Gomarsall scored the first of five tries that swept away the men in green. They must have known that it would not be their afternoon when, with only 11 minutes played, they lost Eric Miller, around whom so many of

their tactical plans were laid. To lose one member of the team's spine is bad enough; to lose a second and have a third hamstrung is even worse. Miller, concussed as England's forwards swarmed over him, will serve the man-datory three-week rest and must miss Leicester's Pilkington Cup tie with Newcastie on Saturday, as well as Ireland's final match, with Scotland, on March 1. When Elwood followed him off, Ireland were left with only O'Meara, the young Cork Constitution scrum half, as a backs replace-

attack, pulled a hamstring. If Miller was the intended ball-carrying target for his colleagues. Elwood was to be the executioner. His role passed to Humphreys, who is an entirely different kind of player, but whoever wore the No 10 shirt still had to endure a day in which Hogan, at

ment when Staples, one of

their primary weapons of

scrum half, was desperately out of sorts, to such an extent that O'Meara took his place to win a first cap. He may well retain it against Scotland.

As one side declined, so the other prospered, notably in the person of Grayson, whose calm control was such a feature of the game. Amid a weiter of slow ball and obstruction, Grayson enuded authority under pressure and his goalkicking gave England their significant 11-6 interval advantage before they turned to take the breeze. Two further penalties eased England clear, but neither side could create

from Brian Ashton after the

meeting of Bath's two former

coaches (David Hands

writes). Ashton, now technical

adviser to Ireland, said: "I'm

delighted England didn't start

the way they finished. In the

last 15 minutes they slipped

into a level of rugby with

tremendous pace and finish-

ing ability.
There were times in the

first 50 when we were quite

starburst of tries, Gomarsall started with a dummy to the short side of a five-metre scrum and Ireland self-destructed. Their lineout worked well enough, but twice

ball or run out of support."

things we talked about, keep-

Yet when England's mo-

ment came, how well they

seized it. Twice their defence

had trembled early on - once

Hickie seemed clean through

before he lost balance on the

unusually rinted surface -

but suddenly they switched into overdrive. A 17-6 lead that

included only one try, Top-ping's poor defence allowing Sleighthoime far too much

space, suddenly exploded in a

Ashton full of praise for rivals line more times than they are control, we didn't do very used to, but we either lost the

ing with confidence, he erupted into the line for one try and

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a row, however, it showed Jack Rowell, the England coach with whom Ashton how many ball-handlers we worked at Bath, acknowlhave, in the forwards as well edged the disruption Ireland as the backs. Austin Healey caused: "The game was stophas been creating waves this season so we thought it would start, we must put that down be good for him to get the feel to experience," he said, "But we do make mistakes under of it and I haven't seen Tim Rodber play that well for a pressure and some of the

then Hickie, was scythed move that began 65 metres down and dispossessed. The earlier and embraced ten primary beneficiaries were The south try brought En-Sleightholme and Hill, though the intervening work was admirable, and the cushion gland's championship tally to ten, when last season they scored only three in four

allowed Jack Rowell, the coach, to introduce Healey, for games. The average for the six a first cap, and Guscott. matches this season is 5.5 tries, Both are blessed with speed which puts the competition and vision and the Irish cracks exactly on track for the record became chasms. Underwood, aggregate, set in 1911, of 55. whose run from a missed Back to the future, you might clearance had created Sleightholme's first score, has always been liable to pop up in unexpected places. Now, glow-

then finished off in triumph a

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## Rowell's throne wobbled by **Prince Jeremy**

nother record victory for England, and still an overwhelming sense of frustration. Jack Rowell, the coach, might justifiably talk of the ten tries scored by his side over the first half of the five nations' championship and ask: What more do we have to do?" He has a point or 87.

England did to Ireland exactly what they had done to Scotland and, for that matter, exactly what the New Zealand Barbarians had done to them in those dim, distant, sterile days before Christmas. They won and they won handsomely, running in six tries that ranged from the routine to the spectacular. And yet? And yet the lonely figure of

Jeremy Guscott - last on the field for England, first off was a lingering symbol of what might have been. Guscott was graciously given three minutes in which to dirty his shorts. He failed dismally. By the end of his allotted span his whites were still pristine, but one delightful shimmy past Bell, and Underwood was away. Moments later, the same combination rounded off a sparkling, all-singing, all-dancing England move. The England wing, who had shown welcome signs of a return to pre-Lomo confidence in an earlier dash from his own tryline, would surely be the first signature on the "bring back

Jerry" petition. Three minutes, two tries made. "He is still the prince of centres," Rowell said, which begs several questions. Why is the prince of centres sitting on the bench for 77 minutes walle his courtiers toil in front of him? What further damage might Bonnie Prince Jerry have inflicted over the course of the whole match? The orince might be asking roughly the same questions himself. And yet, in this new profes-

sional whirligig of a game, it is not quite as easy as it seems. Guscott does not fit the pattern of the England play, not. at least, until the opposition have been ground into the sandy wastes of Lansdowne Road and Rowell has decided to press the button marked "interactivity", like some character in Thunderbirds. "Eng-

nteractivity is the rugby equivalent of total foot-ball, where backs become and run like backs, and everyone is interchangeable. It is a favourite word of Rowell's, though it will not be found in many coaching manuals. "Interactivity proceeded apace ..." Rowell intoned afterwards, and alongside him Phil de Glanville nodded appreciatively.
The last England try, a

sweeping move from corner to





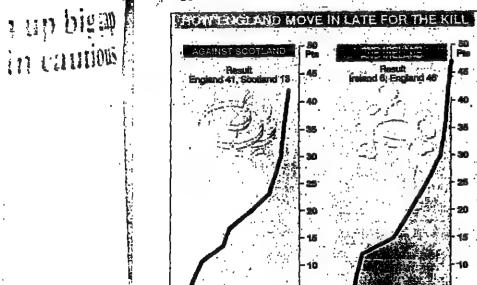
At Lansdowne Road

interactivity worthy of the All Blacks. But, like all wizard ideas, there is a catch. Ten minutes of interactivity has to be preceded by 70 minutes of inactivity, of unspectacular hack-row grinding. Without the necessary tenderising, it seems that interactivity is impossible, and the further trouble is that Guscott does not suit interactivity. He is too quick, too mercurial. He exploits unexpected gaps, shortcircuits the fuse, sends the forwards puffing gladly back to their set-pieces. Far from binding backs and forwards, he cuts them in half.

e Glanville, in contrast, is a bricks and mortar man who brings solidity and structure to the whole, and Rowell made a point of praising his captain and Carling for their part in stemming Ireland's early second-half onslaught. Without a proper stage, Rowell was suggesting, not even the prince of centres can perform. The wearing down is a prerequisite for the trampling. Or, to put it his way: "We knocked them down, picked up the pleces and scored the

And yet. While Guscott remains a fringe figure, his celebrity will rise and so will the penalty for failure. Victory justifies Guscott's omission, defeat will be pilloried. Even the Irish, who had jeered the entrance of most of the England team for the warm-up, reserved a cheer or two for Guscott. The talented artist down on his luck is a figure of oniversal charm, at least until. as Le Tissier found out to his when the nation is watching. Then the artist is exposed as a charlatan and revenge is swift. The difference is that Guscott has proved himself at the highest levels, Le Tissier has not.

The prince himself is keeping his counsel. The prince of centres? "I have nothing to add to that," he said. And he shrugged and evaporated into



## Stout defiance silences Lansdowne Road roar

verything about Dubseemed unreal. An hour before kick-off Lansdowne Road was virtualempty. People were still filing in when the national anthems were being played. Expectations were left in the pubs. Just as Ireland never fired, neither did the crowd.

Where was the cauldronlike atmosphere that is so much a part of Lansdowne Road? No place can lift a home team quite like Dublin or be as intimidating to a visiting side, yet Ireland never emerged from the starting blocks and England were a side of studied composure. The New Zealand maxim of subdue and penetrate was

expertly followed. England

did to Ireland what they had managed against Scotland two weeks earlier, but this was a far more convincing performance. The game against Scotland, as emphatic as the result was, left question marks; not so on Saturday. So comfortable did England appear that they might have been playing in slippers.

England were patient, passed the test of character and in the final quarter again — hit the opposition with a tremendous scoring burst. Yes, France will be tougher on Saturday week. but this is a big, physical and now abundantly confident England team. They are deserved favourites for the championship and an injuryravaged France, on this form, Rob Andrew found the Dublin crowd

strangely subdued as the enormity of

Ireland's task became quickly apparent

are unlikely to disturb their equilibrium. When Eric Miller was carried off early on, it was as if the crowd sensed the worst. It was quite obvious, too, that Eric Elwood was palpably

nowhere near an international-class scrum half meant that the spine of the Ireland team had collapsed. Perhaps only France are good enough to play catch-up rugby. Ireland, frankly, are hopeless at it. Once behind,

unfit. Those injuries and the

fact that Niall Hogan is

they were quickly buried. Brian Ashton probably pushed Ireland to bite off more than they could chew. If they were trying to con Eng-land by their rash early attempts to run the ball, they were kidding only them selves. Where were the high halls to put the England wings under pressure?

England really could not believe their luck. None of the Irish attributes of fire and passion were evident. All tre-land did was run into bigger, stronger England forwards.

especially, came through a big test at No 8. His driving play and linking helped to give England the attacking platform from which they overran Ireland in as devastating a finish as I can recall. Andy Gomarsall, too, had a productive game, although

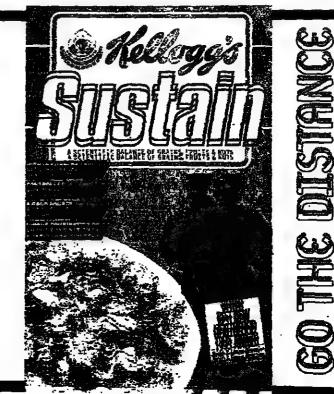
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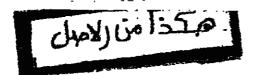
some of his passes were again wayward. Austin Healey made an impact in his five minutes as an England scrum half, but you cannot judge a player on a few minutes when his side is so far ahead.

One of the keys to England's success is the measured calm of Paul Grayson, who is beginning to look composed at stand-off half. When under the cosh, England know that Grayson's boot can make them 70 yards and relieve their forwards of the hard work. I have always said that Gravson was underrated, and time and again at international level he keeps proving himself, not least

with his place kicking.
I still have qualms about one or two positions, but this is a settled side that has quickly proved itself and should not be disturbed.

Ireland were on a downward spiral from the first minute and their meeting with Scotland on Saturday week has the look of the wooden spoon decider. England will meet France on a record-scoring high, and I do not expect them to let themselves down at Twickenham.





FOOTBALL

## Intransigent Wednesday refuse to be deflected

Bradford City .... Sheffield Wednesday .... 1

BY PETER BALL

IT MAY not be the year of the underdog after all if Bradford City's fate is anything to go by. Sheffield Wednesday bucked the trend yesterday, surviving Bradford's onslaught to win a thrilling FA Cup fifth-round ne as Richie Humphreys's late shot was deflected past the unlucky Mark Schwarzer by Nicky Mohan.

It was less than Bradford deserved. Even though Wednesday got stronger as the game progressed, the Brad-ford defence, with Schwarzer a pillar of strength, had held firm with a certainty that Wednesday lacked, and they had produced most of the excitement for a packed, bubbling crowd on a raw

Chris Waddle fulfilled pre-



dictions that he would be the best player on the field, a point recognised by the Wednesday fans, but he had willing assistance, At the back, O'Brien, 17, belied his years with an authoritative marking job on Carbone. Jacobs ran enthusiastically, Pinto showed a fine touch and, above all, the young Hamilton pushed Waddie for Bradford's player-ofthe-match award, combining excellent touch with pace and

It was not quite enough, though. "That's typical of our season," Chris Kamara, the Bradford manager, said. "We didn't play as much football as we still played almost all of it in this game. I never thought they would score, but we just didn't have enough up front.

"We've had a little dream, but now it's back to reality and we've got to concentrate on picking up some [Nationwide League first division points. Wednesday must think they've got a chance of winning the Cup now. With the teams that are left they must fancy themselves."

Wednesday are certainly obdurate, as their record of only one defeat in 18 games sug-gests. They are not the flowing

the club or with David Pleat, the manager, but they take a lot of breaking down.

They aren't going to play a lot of football with Atherton and Hyde in central midfield, but they'll be dogged." Kamara said, "and people tell me that it's not the style, it's the results that count.

They needed to be dogged yesterday, but although Atherton and Hyde battled in midfield, they owed much to Walker as Bradford threatened to sweep them away in a heated, sometimes overheated, first half. Atherton and Hyde incurred two of Wednesday's three bookings inside the first ten minutes, and even Walker was ruffled by the pace and passion of Bradford's attacks.

Waddle probed ceaselessly, and his corners were a constant source of danger to Pressman. At times, the FA Carling Premiership side's goal led a charmed life as Bradford corners swung in and tall defenders came up to add their weight to the attack. One swung in to hit the post and Pressman was lucky to escape with a free kick, given against Waddle, when all he appeared to have done was stand his ground as the goalkeeper ran into him.

The next corner went through Pressman's fingers. on this occasion when he was unchallenged, but Nicol hacked it to safety before a Bradford forward could react. As the second half pro-

gressed, Wednesday came more into the match, giving Schwarzer an opportunity to show his ability with a splendid close range reaction save from Booth. He could well oush Bosnich close for a place the Australia team. Schwarzer, though, was un-

done with five minutes to so. Hirst had replaced Carbone, and his fresh legs pull the ball back from the byline. Humphreys was on the spot, but his shot did not threaten to beat Schwarzer until Mohan's attempt to intercept totally wrong-footed the goalkeeper. "Nicky Mohan doesn't want it, but

that was an own-goal." Kamara said. Realization Settle

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the Bradford City midfield player, tangles on the touchline with Nolan, of Sheffield Wednesday, yesterday

## Wimbledon gaining self-belief

Wimbledon. Queens Park Rangers ... 1

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

THE managers agreed. For Joe Kinnear, of winning Wimbledon, and Stewart Houston, of resilient Queens Park Rangers, the turning point came just before halftime when Wimbledon so quickly, and at such a delicate psychological moment, wiped out QPR's advantage.

Kinnear called it "crucial". Houston thought: "If we had only hung in there till halftime, it could probably have been a different game in the second period."

As it was, ten minutes into that period. Robbie Earle 150th in first-class football. and Wimbledon were in the sixth round of the FA Cup. Since, in modern football,

there is nothing so demanding as success, tomorrow sees them away to Leicester City in the first leg of the semi-final of the Coca-Cola Cup.

"It's something new to cope with," Kinnear said, "It's the new kind of pressure, because we've always had to live with the pressure of staying in the Premier League. Once we've got over that hurdle, we can concentrate on the cups." And get over it they emphat-

For much of the first half,

QPR certainly played the

better football. There was a sweep and an invention about their game that Wimbledon took time to match, and in the twentieth minute, QPR should have taken what would have been a deserved lead. The movement was exhilarating. Hateley, on another of his days of grace. threatening in the air, intelli-gent on the ground, sent Peacock away from the right. Peacock released Murray, coming in unmarked from the left, and a goal seemed sure, but Sullivan stretched out a

leg and blocked the shot. With Barker working hard



Gayle: glancing header

set-piece bombardment. QPR. as Houston claimed, matched their senior opponeats. This despite the fact

an injured ankle. QPR scored at last after 40 minutes. Peacock curled in a left-footed cross from the right and when it reached the head of an unattended Hateley, you knew there could be no apneal. In it inexorably went. Kinnear was not happy

"Looked about five yards offside, Hateley's goal," he insisted debatably. "The only person who didn't see it was the linesman."

should strike back so swiftly. Three minutes later, the dynamic Leonhardsen, the sharpest thorn in QPR's side, an amalgam of energy and flair, found Gayle, who hit the bar. When the ball eventually reached Holdsworth on the far post, his shot was blocked by Sommer.

Over came Kimble's leftwing corner, and for once, OPR's aerial defence, was found wanting. Ready was meant to be countering Gayle, but Gayle's head glauced the half loto the net.

Things, now, would change. "I think we played a

improved the tempo in the second half. We were waiting for things to happen in the first half and their scoring really joited us. I told them at half-time, if you take your foot off the accelerator, if you show complacency, you'll go out if it be another banana

Ten minutes after the break, Leonhardsen, found Earle, who, with a skilful sidestep, made room to beat Sommer with a right-footed shot from outside the box.

Rangers still menaced in fits and starts. Hateley had a header turned over the top by Sullivan and an attempt blocked on the line by Cunningham. But, against that, Leonhardsen hit the post after

a superb solo run. "It's just a question of getting it in our heads that we've got the ability to win something this year." Kinnear said. "It needs plenty of work, plenty of commitment and we've got all that."

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## Leeds crumble as Portsmouth expose flaws in foundations

By DAVID MADDOCK

WATCHING Leeds United brings to mind an observation from Pablo Picasso. "There's no such thing as a bad Picasso," he mused, "but some are less good than others." Leeds, of course, do not bear

comparison with the artist; not even to allow a tortured joke about blue periods. Juggle his words around, however, and you have a reasonable precis of their style, their mentality. There is no such thing as a good performance from them. just less bad ones. This was a very bad one indeed.

Portsmouth, of the Nationwide League first division, were technically and tactically too sophisticated for their apparently superior opponents. Yet Leeds had recorded five consecutive clean sheets before this FA Cup tie, promoting thoughts of Wembley.

Quite why such notions had gained serious currency was a question muttered by every-one at Elland Road on Saturday. The answer was simple enough, and was refreshingly given by Terry Fenwick, the

Portsmouth manager.
They are a side who can. dominate and stifle away from home, because they are a big. physical team," he said. "But hey are not so clever at home because here they have to

Before the tie, Lee Sharpe,

one of Elland Road's more imaginative influences, said that their play in recent months has been to defend loggedly and hope to sneak a goal from a set-piece or a scramble. It is not pretty, but under the circumstances George Graham, the Leeds manager, found himself in, it, was an effective survival

At Arsenal, Graham's sides were creative enough, but he puts in the mean-spirited deensive foundations first, and Leeds are still very much in that initial phase. Asked if he had, in recent weeks, merely. papered over the cracks with defensive organisation, Graham's silence as he struggled for an answer indicated that he desperately wanted to say 'yes", long before he diplomatically avoided answering the question.

Fenwick had come to the same conclusion, aided and abetted by Terry Venables, his club's new owner. He knew that Portsmouth's best opportunity of progressing to the quarter-finals was to ensure they did not descend to Leeds's scrappy, physical level.

The manner in which they

Tottenham raise spirits to

avoided such crudity was surprising, even to their manager. Portsmouth battled all right, but when they won the ball, their passing was on a different plane to their oppo-nents. Swift and incisive, they manocuvred the Leeds defence into positions so uncomfortable that Molenzar, the previously impressive new signing at centre half, was reduced to beating the ground in frustra-

The power and persistence up front of Lee Bradbury and Mathias Svensson was invigorating, but it was the midfield control exercised by the neat, experienced Hillier and the exuberant Hall that allowed Portsmouth to dictate the contest. With Alan McLoughlin, before his injury, and then the impressive young Igoe offering support, it was the visiting midfield that appeared to display FA Car-

ling Premiership quality. Portsmouth's game-plan was simple: draw the central defenders wide to allow space for the midfield players to run into. Bradbury moved from the centre after seven minutes to collect a throw from Simp

Wolves tamed Hearts beld .

son and cross into the void he had left, where McLoughlin, steaming in, headed home unchallenged.

Bradbury again caused problems to win a penalty after Kelly handled his header. The problem, though, was that McLoughlin, the regular penalty-taker, had limped out of the action and Simpson saw his kick saved by Martyn.

Such profligacy appeared ominous, and after the break Leeds equalised when Wallace produced his side's one moment of real skill to send Lee Bowyer scuttling into the box to lift a shot calmly over Knight. With 38 minutes remaining, the initiative was briefly with the home side, but not the talent.

It was Svensson, running wide, who caused the damage. first by cutting inside the bemused Molenaar to drive fiercely beyond Martyn, and then crossing to allow Bradbury a close-range shot under the body of the Leeds goalkeeper.

Even a Bowyer header in the fifth minute of stoppage time could not disguise Portsmouth's palpable superiority. MOUTH'S PALPACHE SUPETIORTY.
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## **Asanovic outshines** new double act

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ASKED about West Ham United before this game be-tween teams for whom the term "goal-shy" might have been invented. Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, said: They've got some good foot-ballers, but they've got the same problems as us."

To some, there are no problems, only solutions. For West Ham, the solution involved spending £7.3 million on two new forwards. Hartson and Kitson; Smith chose to remarshal his existing forces, giving a more attacking role to Asanovic, the Croatia international. The score accurately reflects which solution was more immediately successful. Asenovic, easily the man of every Derby attack and made and scored the only goal after

His aggressive run into the heart of the West Ham defence positively invited the lunging tackle from Ferdinand over which he numbled; his penalty left Miklosko rooted to his tine. "It was a tremendous run." Smith said. "He knew what he was doing and where he was going. He was the difference. We gave him freedom to play and go forward more and he kept giving them problems.

Hartson, whose caution for an elbow-first challenge on Stimac added to his previous Il when playing for Arsenal, will result in a two-match suspension, only troubled Gerald Ashby, the referee, who was kept busy by a number of unpleasant incidents in an ill-tempered game.

shirt-pulling, blatant feigning of injury, and that ritual pushing and shoving peculiar

to footballers, commonly known as "handbags at ten paces", were all routine. His own inconsistency did not help; a vicious tackle from behind by Kitson on Stimac went unpunished by a card ofany colour. "It was very heated," Smith agreed. "I suppose with two teams in the position they are, it's going to be like

Ashby also raised West Ham temperatures by refusing two strong penalty appeals. Stimac, who kept a tight rein on Hartson, dispossessing him arrogantly on several occasions, was lucky when Dicks's cross clearly struck his arm. The visitors also had a case when Kitson fell on his way past Hoult after McGrath had, for once, been beaten by a pass from Ferdinand, their best performer.

"A blatant penalty," Harry Redknapp, the West Harn manager said, "How the refer-ee didn't see it. I don't know." Jim Smith, having put three more vital points between his team and West Ham, who occupy the third relegation position, could afford to be sympathetic. "I thought it could have been a penalty," he new players in up front when they haven't worked together. Like us, their confidence is not that high, is it? The confidence factor makes all the difference.

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#### Community may save ailing club

BOURNEMOUTH, still in receivership and deep in debt, are set to become the first community-owned football club in Europe under revolutionary plans put forward by Trevor Watkins, the Londonbased solicitor who is trying to ensure the club's long-term A trust fund, set up initially

to pay a £300,000 tax bill, has already raised E140,000 and support has been so strong that the trust committee chaired by Watkins now aims to create a new company to run the Nationwide League second division club, with the trust retaining 51 per cent of the shares along the lines of the American lootball's new Super Bowl champions, the Green Bay Packers.

"We think this could be the blueprint not just for the survival of Bournemouth, but of many clubs in the lower divisions," Watkins said. The trust is aiming to raise

£1.5 million by the end of February to create an entirely new company, possibly called AFC Bournemouth 97 Ltd. which would buy the Dean Court ground and other assets from the receivers. The deal needs to be in place by March 6, when the club has to meet the demands of the Inland Revenue, but the scheme has the support of the Football League, the local council and the receivers called in carlies this month to admin

debts of £4.4 million. If successful, the new trust owned club would go ahead with plans to build a new stadium in time for the 1998 season and give the manager. Mel Machin, time to develop a new team.

#### deny Arsenal's ascent Tottenham Hotspur...... 0 Arsenai ..

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON-

ON AN afternoon of FA Cup shockwaves, which reverber-ared around White Hart Lane via radio, public address system and word of mouth, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal disputed no more than territorial bragging rights on Saturday.

A predictable hotch-potch of

occasional blandness and intermittent ferocity produced a result that neither side could wholly object to. When hostil-ities had ceased, nobody had lost, face had been saved, honours were even. Tottenham claimed . the

moral high ground, having again had to take the field without Messrs Sheringham. Armstrong, Scales, Vega and others. Though honest in their endeavours, and with Anderton scampering effectively through his first 90-minute test since November, they inevitably lacked the cutting edge to beat Lukic.

liversen may run and jump like the young buck that he is but he needs experience, a guiding influence at his shoul-der. Rosenthal was as hit-andmiss as aiways, mostly miss, and long gone is the status he enjoyed as a "supersub" in his previous existence with Liver-

Arsenal will feel greater the loss of two points. A two goal winning margin would have seen them regain the leader-ship of the FA Carling Premiership for the first time since December, and would have added spice to the visit of Manchester United to Highbury on Wednesday.

Strangely subdued show-ings from Wright, Bergkamp and Merson, counter-balanced by a typically solid defensive display, summed up their lot. Tony Adams, not fit enough for England against Italy at Wembley on Wednes-day, soldiered on as only he

can; Bould and Keown offered

rugged support.
"It was a chance to go top, of course it was," Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manag-Arsène er, said. "But, mathematically, we are still OK. The United game, we must win it, but I



Rosenthal: off target

think that every game. Maybe I think that a bit more for this

Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, again lament-ed his expensive absences, almost embarrassed at his repetition of the past few months, also rued a victory squandered. "I was pleased with the performance, considering everything, but disap-pointed at the result," he said. "It's the strongest squad I've had since I've been here — if

only they were all fit." Excuses aside, the crowd were entertained, on a strictly

guts were not quite spilled only Parlour and Bould, of Arsenal, were booked - yet the exchanges were keen and contested with a thinly disguised contempt. Graham Poll, the referee, kept reasonable order in his idiosyncratic fashion.

Rosenthal set the trend, in the first minute, with an awful finish from Edinburgh's low cross. Nine days earlier, he had scored twice, and missed a penalty, for the second team in a 2-1 win over Arsenal reserves in the Avon Insurance Combination. Typical

He had another effort disalf. kowed for offside - perversely, his best strike of the match -could not take advantage of Lukic's fumble from Anderson's fierce shot and also wasted a gilt-edged opportuni-ty when doggedly dispossessing Keown and then ignoring the better-placed Iversen.

Arsenal often looked im-

pressive, playing pretty triangles amid the midfield mayhem, but flattered. Wright and Bergkamp lacked sharp-ness and Vieira's initial enterprise faded; though Parlour persevered, Merson appeared lost. Walker had only two saves of note to make, from Bergkamp and Keown.

The supporters left dissatisfied: of Tottenham's failure to sneak success and of Arsenal's failure to reach the top. They at least had the heroics of Portsmouth, Chesterfield and Wrexham to talk about.

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n the dying minutes, with the score 1-0, some betrayed their fear by clasping their hands in prayer. Others implored the Chesterfield players to keep the ball in the Nottingham Forest half, terrified that a last attack might destroy their dreams. Injury time seemed interminable and the fans in the main stand — the only stand — begged David Elleray in blow his

Behind some of the journalists, who were sitting with the supporters because the Nationwide League second division club's timy press box could not cope with the demand, the shrill voices of children corrupted their team's nickname in their anxiety, pleading with the "Sprites" to hang on. When their fathers had tired of trying to soothe them with knowing warnings about not yet hearing the fat lady sing, they abandoned themselves to the emotion of the occasion, too. You're watching history, here," one of them told his

When the waiting was over and Chesterfield were in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup for the first



time in their long history, the supporters ran on to the pitch and bore the players from the muddy Saltergate field on their shoulders. Others knelt to kiss the turf. Grown men were weeping with joy. For a few seconds, it seemed excessive. It seemed strange.

Strange, because the creeping gentrification of football is stripping it of passion such as this. The loss of fervour and the dilution of devotion evident at so many FA Carling Premiership grounds has not extended to the lower reaches of the Nationwide League yet. Watching Chesterfield perform their giant-killing on Saturday was like visiting the land that football

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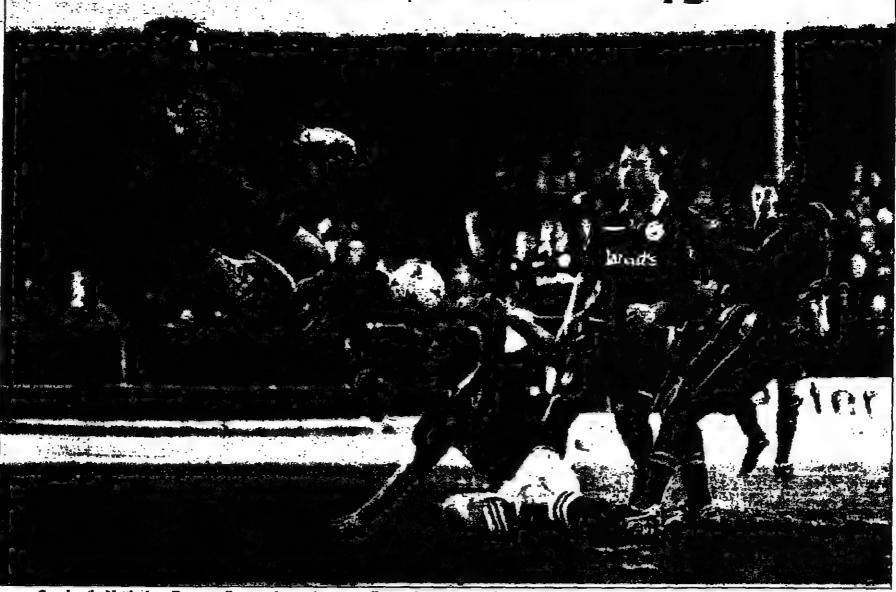
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For one thing, it is a town centre ground, surrounded by other institutions that once were pillers of the community. The Labour Club, serving lunches to supporters, is on one side of the ground, opposite the headquarters of the Derbyshire Mineworkers' Association, dark and empty. Across the road from the stand, the Guides' Association building is next to the Baptist church. A short way away, the town's famous crooked spire rises over the rooftops.

Inside the stadium, terracing borders three sides of the pitch. The



Crossley, the Nottingham Forest goalkeeper who was later sent off, saves from Howard, the Chesterfield forward, at Saltergate. Photograph: Laurence Griffiths

roofs that shelter the fans are still low enough to kick a ball over, enabling supporters who could not get tickets to perch on roomops and window ledges and watch from there. The players are still close enough that you can hear every word of their shouted instructions, hear the crunch of their tackles and the thud of their shots. You could also sense the sullen despair of the Forest team as the end neared.

The visitors hardly put up a fight. They did not fashion a chance. Saunders, Campbell and Roy did not test a defence manned by two second-choice players covering for injured team-mates. Chesterfield's margin of victory should have been

They played unimaginatively s in the first half, hoofing the ball out of defence in the

general direction of Morris, their centre forward, hoping to pounce on his flicks and nod-downs, Much of the play was untidy and unedifying, even if Chesterfield did produce the outstanding chance of the opening 45 minutes, Crossley bringing off a fine reaction save from Howard's header after half an

In the second half, though, Forest abandoned the struggle. Chester-field, ninth in the second division but with enough games in hand to challenge for the play-offs, ran them ragged, and Stuart Pearce, the visitors' player-manager, im-prisoned on the sidelines because of suspension, was powerless to rouse

goal came in the 53rd minute. Howard ran on to Chris Beaumont's through-ball and took

round Crossley. The Wales goelkeeper brought him down and was shown the red card. Tom Curtis sent Alan Fettis, the substitute goalkeeper, the wrong way with his penalty.

Two minutes later, Carr's thumping header from a corner rattled the underside of the Forest crossbar, and eight minutes from the end, after almost continuous Chesterfield pressure, Howard went round Fettis but stabbed the ball at the empty goal so weakly that it was hacked away before it bouild trickle into the net.

Afterwards, down in their changing-room, with paint flaking off the ceiling and hot-water pipes and their kit flung on to a wooden table, they sprayed champagne at the television cameras and talked to John Motson for Match of the Day.

"We are in the last eight of the biggest knockout competition in the world," John Duncan, their manager, said. "You can use any superlative you like to describe what this means to the town and to the club. It is amazing to think that we are only two matches away from Wembley."

Curtis, who was a student at Loughborough University a year ago, was the man most in demand in the throng. "If we win the FA Cup and get promotion," he said, we'd have to call that a good season. I dreamt about the game last night, but we won 3-0 in the dream. Still, I thought we outplayed them in just about every

Parther down the corridor, the dub chairman, J. Norton Lea, an avuncular figure with snowy white

hair, was talking about the future, about the plans to move the club to

a new 12,000 all-seat ground on the

It seems likely that raw, visceral days like this Saturday in Chesterfield among the Spirettes will be fewer and farther between, and their absence will be mourned with the same melancholy that the poet. Edward Thomas, felt in the passing of rural England at the turn of the century. Days like Saturday, just like one of the felled willow copses he describes, are "first known when

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#### Critics aim for easy targets and miss point

STEVE -MCMANAMAN



defeat is mevitably rol-lowed not by serious analysis, but finger-pointing? It is so predictable, so childish in many ways, and serves absolutely no

I struggled to find any reasonable evaluation after the defeat in our World Cup qualifier at Wembley. Even the broadsheet newspapers were largely looking to blame someone — anyone — rather than understand why we lost to Italy.

We know that we did not play as well as we are capable of and there were certain things we got wrong, were certain inings we got wrong, but remember, it was a tight game won, with the odd goal, by a team that defended extensively for much of the match. I don't think that the Italians were brilliant and I don't think England were rubbish. We did not win, but every single

England player tried and tried and tried. In the second half, we had constant possession and, although we did not create as well as we would have liked, we certainly had more - and better - chances than Italy. What we did not have was even the remotest hint of luck. Several times in the second half, we had shots blocked on or near the goalline and did not get the run of the ball. Then there was Matt Le Tissier's header in the first half, which was an instinctive thing and could have changed things

Against that, the Italians produced a goal from a long ball — and even that had a huge slice of luck. Ian Walker had Zola's shot covered, only for it to take a deflection off Sol Campbell that squeezed it past him into the net. On such things are international matches decided. Afterwards, it was all "Magnifi-

cent Italians" with too much technique for the journeymen English. They were not magnificent and we will not get a thrashing in Italy. They did defend very well. As soon as they scored, they dropped off an extra ten yards and pulled nine men behind the ball. I don't Italians or a second division side if they go a goal up and are determined to defend, then it is by no means easy to break them down. When defenders are as accomplished and comfortable on the ball as Italy's, it is very hard.

What we did not do was pass the ball quickly enough through the midfield. With players like myself and Le Tissier in the side, we need quick passing to move the ball early into areas where we can damage the opposition and maybe that did not happen often enough. I'm not sure why. I was manmarked more or less from the start and perhaps that discouraged my team-mates from passing to me more often. There tended, instead, to be long balls for Alan Shearer to chase wide — and he was being closely marked, too.

It is frustrating, because, as I've said before. I like to receive the ball with a marker on me, because I believe I can either take him into areas where he is vulnerable, or win the foul. It's frustrating too, because for all people know - and say - I was just wandering around aimlessly, when the reality is that I was still making the runs and still

taking men out of the game. That is why I feel sorry for Le Tissier. So many people seemed intent on retribution afterwards and he bore the brunt of it. Like me, he is an easy target because he is expected to make things happen and, when they do not, the criticism is virtually pre-determined. If, as happened on Wednesday, the four men lining up in front of him. Is he supposed to continually beat

the lot of them?

The manager was crucified for picking Le Tiss and not playing two men up front. Yet, when we did play two up against Poland, it did not really work and we were rightly criticised. When we went to Georgia, we used the same system as Wednesday night and everyone agreed that we got it right. It will be the right system in Italy too, so

long as we get the passing right. We are by no means out of it. Italy struggled at home to Georgia and they will not relish going there. Going to Poland, too, is going to be a difficult game for both teams. The defeat means we cannot afford another slip-up, but

we can certainly still qualify. I know that things will not change. If England win even when playing badly, we will be lionhearts. Lose, and we will be faint-hearts, no matter what. I just hope that a few of the critics will read the points I have made and stop to think about them.

#### Birmingham bow to quality from different league four times in the second round and



Hughes, right, enjoys the celebrations after equalising Wrexham ...

BY KEITS PIECE

FORTUNE can take a team only so far in the FA Cup; spirit may win a tie, but not the competition. There comes a time when talent must be put to the test and, on Saturday, it was Wrexham's turn to show their true colours. They were not found wanting.

Their players, supporters and manager might have been unwilling to accept it, but the fact: remains that Birmingham City. were climinated by a clearly superior side. Wrexham's passing was tidier, their finishing more emphatic. Most important of all, their control - of the ball, of their adrenalin flow - was not so much from a lower division as a different league.

A shock? Hardly. Wresham

recent seasons by Altrincham and Kidderminster Harriers, among others, as Birmingham were ex-posed as a hard-working but desperately limited team destined never to fulfil the expectations of a passionate following. Wasn't it

That Trevor Francis, the Birmingham manager - hence-forth to be known as "the beleaguered Birmingham manager", until he can repair a disintegrating season — would point to the 57thminute sending-off of Paul Devlin, his leading scorer, as the turning point of this fifth-round tie, was as predictable as it was erroneous.

Trailing unluckily at half-time. Wrexham had already made good the deficit, had already begun to impose their more fibent and attractive style on their supposed superiors. The two goals that followed were a reward for their

more than a convenient excuse. "I felt we were in reasonable control," Francis said. "The send-

ing-off changed the game. When you consider some of the challenges that went on in the previous hour, the decision was very harsh." He, though, had had a poor view of a challenge on Chalk that, from behind the dugout, appeared high and late, but hardly malicious. The Match of the Day cameras later showed that Devlin's studs were driven recklessly into Chalk's knee and that Martin Bodenham, well-positioned, had made an entirely

So Wrexham are in the quarterfinals for only the third time in their history, having toyed with defeat and teased their supporters from day one. They had come within 13 minutes of defeat against mighty Colwyn Bay back in November, trailed Sounthorpe United

needed a replay - their third - to add to West Ham United's embarrassment in January before accounting for Peterborough United — again away from home, again after twice going behind — in the fourth round. If Brian Flynn, the Wrexham manager, does have a magic formula, it is simply to ensure that his side lets in a goal or two and then lets ability take over. "I have never thought that we

were out of the competition." Flynn henceforth to be known as "the managerial target of several Premiership clubs" until this Cup run ends - said. "We have shown many times this season that we have the spirit as well as the ability they have also twice come from three goals adrift to draw second division matches]. I was still confident at half-time. We just got

better as the game went on." If there was any sympathy for Birmingham, it was generated by

tain's first goal for his club, a thumping right-foot half-volley, had induced fleeting optimism and he subsequently tackled himself to exhaustion as Wrexham took over but it was isolated heroism.

For all the measured nature of their approach play, it was two setpieces that sent Wrexham on their way. Ward's magnificent delivery of a dead ball allowing first Hughes and then Humes to power headers past Bennett. With the match won, Connolly broke free of Johnson to toe-end an injury-time third. "I hope you agree that we were a credit to the second division, to Wrexham and to North

Wales, Flynn said. They were.
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## Coventry show value of desire

Coventry City ...

By MARK HODKINSON

THE electronic clock above the Darwen End read 2.58pm and Coventry City were already picking the ball out of their net. Stephen Lodge, the referee had started proceedings ahead of schedule and caught the visitors with their finger still poised over the snooze button. As they lifted leaden boots back

to kick off once more, memories of a traumatic recent past must have flickered through the minds of the Coventry players. A month ago, they were thrashed 4-0 at Ewood Park in the FA Carling Premiership; then there were the indignities of their FA Cup third-round spats with non-League Woking.

in dressing-room vernacular, this was a call to arms and Coventry, so often found wanting this season, rallied impressively. Their play was rarely crafted or considered, but it was compensated by a passion for victory. Success in this FA Cup fourth-round tie was pulpably of a much higher tender

han it appeared for Blackburn. Tony Parkes, the Blackburn caretaker-manager, had all but warned Coventry to expect an early ploy in his match programme notes. Deception and surprise are

the key words, as you have to catch the opposition napping," he wrote. Le Saux threaded a pass to Sherwood and, in one sweet move, he steered the ball past Ogrizovic. Fifty seconds had elapsed. The play was comparatively even

until Teller blasted a shot straight at Jess in the penalty area. He steadied himself and crashed it beyond Flowers. Just before halftime, a Whelan through-ball ran to Huckerby and he placed it adroitly past Flowers, who had raced from his line like a man desperate to catch the last train home.

Blackburn's best chance to retrieve the game was a penalty

Results and tables ...

awarded after Borrows had pushed over Gallacher. Sutton's dreadful attempt summarised Blackburn's indolence. There was no power or intent in the kick, merely a prod forward towards the middle of the goal. Ogrizovic saved and, inevitably, was first to the rebound.

Both Gallacher and Berg hit the crossbar, but there was a pervading sense of victory belonging. rightly, to Coventry. They were quicker to the tackle, hyperactive in their checker-board shirts, and Gordon Strachan was always nearby with a cry of encouragement.

Once again, the manager named himself as substitute, which allowed him the facility of ostensibly warming up just a few yards from play while he carried out some surreptitious coaching. Stephen Lodge objected at one junc-ture, but was left speechless.

That was an all time great, that one," Strachan said. "He came over to me pointing his finger and I said, What's up with you, I'm the sub! He said nothing but just kept waving his finger at me as if he was telling me off.

In recent weeks, Strachan and his team have endured a fair amount of finger-wagging and he relished the new mettle shown by his team: "We have beaten a very good side today. We did it by pattling and showing character. Ouestions were asked everywhere after our performance in the third round, but they do not need to talk anymore, they just need to see the

result of today's game."

Parkes hinted afterwards that Premiership points were of much more value than a Cup run. He did not need to say as much; his team had already done it for him.

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## Vital break goes against Clark

Middlesbrough...

By PETER BALL

FIFTH-ROUND FA Cup ties are dways eagerly awaited but often fail to live up to expectations. On Saturday, Manchester City's supporters went home disappointed; Frank Clark, their manager, was unsurprised. The game went as we expected, very close, very tight," he said. "One break was always going to settle it and they got it."

He might have added spiteful, and did add "niggling" to his description. He might have added that Middlesbrough got more than one break - a couple of lucky ones from the referee and his assistants as well as the incisive break in which the otherwise subdued Juminho made his decisive contribution.

But instead of complaining. Clark accepted the reverse philosophically, saying that Middlesbrough just about deserved it. He was being generous. "We didn't work their keeper enough to deserve a win," Clark explained.

City lost out where it mattered; Ravanelli and Juninho were the better of the two front pairs by some distance. It was not really a game for Kinkladze and Juninho. both generally being smothered.

Kinkladze was troubled by a groin strain and limped away just after the hour: Juninho finally found

space and City were punished. But the contrast between the two pearheads was more telling. Ravanelli was involved in some silly argy-bargy, and missed a glorious chance, but he made a nuisance of himself - to City, to his team-mates, to the referee - all afternoon. Rösler was anonymous; he hardly had a kick.

But if the front pairs had swapped sides, City would have won by a distance, because everywhere else they looked the better team. Lomas and McGoldrick



Juninho: finally found space

dominated midfield, particularly before the interval; the two young full backs played with poise.

By the interval City should have been leading with a bit to spare. But Summerbee lobbed wide with Roberts stranded and when Brightwell did net, his effort was ruled offside. Television replays suggested he was level with the defender when Symons headed forward.

And so, Middlesbrough survived. They improved after the interval, marginally, but were hanging on for a draw when a quick break after a City corner caught the home defence. Festa played an important part in the move which ended with the unmarked Juninho shooting home from six yards.

"Festa broke out really well," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said. "He doesn't júst defend. He can also come out with the ball." He also packs a mēan left hook, as Lomas can testify. The Northern Ireland international was left nursing a broken nose after being on the receiving end. Anti-Toesing on the receiving end.

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Pierluigi Casiraghi, the Lazio striker, tries an overhead kick during the Italian League match against Internazionale which ended as a 2-2 draw. Photograph: Plinio Lepri

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## Wolves take leave of promotion charge

Wolverhampton W .....0 Crystal Palace.

BY IVO TENNANT

SO MUCH for mid-season breaks. Having won four successive matches and convinced their supporters that they are on the verge of promotion, Wolverhampton Wanderers took wing to the golf courses of Spain last week. Upon return to Molineux they played with so little 22st as to question the worth of such a trip so late in the winter.

The momentum gained from their victories had been sapped from their game. "We played at half pace and with a total lack of energy." Mark McGhee, the Wolves manag-er, said. "But I do think that if we had not gone to Spain, we would have lost 6-0. I have no doubt that we will do well at Barnsley in our important game next Saturday."

Perhaps. Crystal Palace had won only once in 14 previous visits to Molineux and were beaten by Wolves at Selhurst Park in November, so it seemed disingenuous of Mo-Ghee to state that this was his team's most difficult remaining match. Barnsley, lest he forgets, are now ahead of his club on goal difference.

So, too, can Wolves be overtaken by Palace, who are six points behind with a game in hand. Dave Bassett, their manager, knew exactly how to cope with Wolves's physical presence and dominance atfree kicks. He is all too familiar with what he terms "direct sides", having presided over one of still less guile when he was with Wimbledon.

"On our day," he said, "we are better than any team in our division." Indeed they were here, although if Bull had scored rather than struck minutes, there was no knowing what might have occurred. After that, Wolves, who undertook some training while they were in Spain, did not perform in the powerhouse manner that has been their strength.

Better to have taken a break after playing four matches over Christmas and new year. when the cold snap was ren-dering training difficult on such hard ground. Now, far from refreshed, there was no sense of readiness for the kind of tactics Palace would deploy, still less any realisation that Bassett knew how to counter the strengths of a team which has now lost seven times at home in the Nationwide League first division.

Palace surprised the Wolves defence by sending Tuttle, their centre back, into attack at every apportunity. When Andy Roberts crossed from the right 16 minutes into the first half he was permitted a header which he netted with some power. At the other end, Bull had his early moments or rather misses - for the second half was completely dominated by Palace

Dyer, surprisingly, came on in place of the lively Freedman with 20 minutes still remaining and swiftly applied him-self. He beat two men on the byline and slipped the ball back to Roberts, whose low drive was parried by Stowell, only to be tapped in by Veart. Then Dyer cut in from the other side of the penalty area and beat the goalkeeper's lacklustre dive. The home supporters had long since started to

ers Dad Jong Since Sparted to moet away.

Wolver-Haberton Wandberges D-5-2: M Streed — M Adars, K Curti, A Williams (set: M Venus, 60mm) — A Thompson (set: I Roberts, 67, \$ Concession & Grown, 50, N Embers, \$ Outcom, 56 Frogget — S.B.d. D Goodman.

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Adams leans in delight from the Pulham bench as Blake scores his side's equaliser at Craven Cottage

## Tempers fray at top of the table

Wigan Athletic.

By PAT GUISON

JOHN DEEHAN, the Wigan Athletic manager, must have wished he had kept his thoughts to himself. He went to see the referee at half-time and told him that if he did not start giving free kicks all over the pitch against both sides, he would end up with a situation where the players would think it was a free-forall and start dishing out rembudion of their own.

Paul Rejer went one better. He awarded Fulham a penalty when John Butler tangled with Coursy to the left of the Wigan goal eight minutes from time and Blake drove in the goal that prevented Wig-an from taking over from

"It was disgraceful really," Dechan said. "My player headed it out for a corner and; if anything, it should have been a foul against him. We may well have said be-forehand that we would accept a draw, but to work so hard, come so close to winning the game and then have it snatched away from us by a crazy decision like that is soul-destroying for the

players."
The pity was that it should end as it did. By common consent, Pulham and Wigan are two of the best three sides in the division (Carlisle United are the other) and their confrontation drew nearly 10,000 spectators to Craven Cottage, easily Fulham's biggest crowd of the season. Many of those watching must have been taken aback

by what they saw. Nobody expects too much finesse at this level, especially people from Wigan, who are used to the sight of shuddering tack-ies, albeit when they are playing with a different-shaped hall, and Dechan had a point when he said: "I did not think the referee was strong enough in what was always going to be a very

From the start, he should have been giving free kicks so that the players knew where they stood. If that does not happen, you end up with the scenario we had in the last 20 minutes when both sets of players were almost throttling each other."

The best of the football came from Wigan, particularly in the first hour, when Martinez was displaying his Spanish skills just behind

manager, conceded took his players by surprise. It was only after Lowe had taken advantage of a mix-up in the Fulham defence to shoot Wigan ahead in the 52nd minute and Deehan had taken off Martinez in expectation of the barrage to come that Fulham poured forward in search of an equaliser. Afterwards, the respect was

mutual. Adams thought Wig-an were the best team Fulham had played in the league this season, while Dechan said: "I am sure Fulham will finish in the top three, hopefully one place behind us."

FULHAM (5-3-2): M Walton — M Thomas Simon Morgan, N Cusacis, M Blake, I Walson — R Scott (sub: C Hartfeld Scooler, 71] — M Correy, D Frisemen. WISAN ATHLETIC (3-4-1-2): L Buster — Buster, C Greenal, C Behop — I Kiltort, S Rogers, Stephen Morgan, G Johnson — F Marinez (sub: W Biggins, 72) — D Lowe, G Jones.

## Cup held up as a symbol of hope to teams of lowly status

espite its 124 years of history, the Tennents Scottish Cup remains a subversive element. If not exactly bent on the overthrow of society, it does sneer at status. Having beaten Dun-fermline Athletic 2-1, Falkirk will advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament and are to be joined by another representative of the Bell's Scottish League first division, once Morton and Dundee have replayed a match that ended in a 2-2 draw.

The cup was still indulging its taste for anarchy when the draw for the last eight was made and it ensured that one member of the Old Firm will shortly be dispatched. If Celtic can defeat Hibernian tonight they will advance to a home tie with Rangers, scheduled for March 8 but certain to be resheduled for live television

The others in the cup may feel like pupils who have just heard that the class bully is moving to another school. At Tyenecastle yesterday, Heart of Midlothian and Dundee United played with the vitality of men who believe that the future has just taken a turn for the better.

Even if they can be sure that only one member of the Old Firm will survive to obstruct their path, it seems that each of these clubs will experience extreme difficulty as it tries to get past the other. Their first ttempt ended in a 1-1 draw. The replay will go ahead at Tannadice on February 25.

Tynecastie was filled with emotional upheaval and cilmatic turbulence. The wind, like a fickle spectator, backed Hearts in the first half and then supported United in the second. That storm lent its weight to the drives by David Weir and Dave McPherson that struck a post as the home team threatened to take the lead. The visitors, however, remained methodical and waited their turn with the

United opened the scoring in the 68th minute when Allan McManus lunged at a swirling free kick from Ray McKinnon, a substitute, and headed into his own net.

As they then struggled to force a way out of their own half, it appeared that it only remained for Hearts to perfec a crestiallen expression. However, Jim Hamilton, who had been refused a likely penalty at the beginning of the match, was to couplise nine minutes from the end, when in a marginally offside position.

The officials who had so vexed the forward earlier in the afternoon permitted his goal, bundled home after a Neil McCann knockdown, to stand.

Rotherham United...

BY SIMON WILDE

situation. Millwall win - but

sold to help to reduce the mountainous debts of this

But selling good players

diminishes the club's chance

of promotion, which in turn

must eat away at attendances.

Millwall need home crowds of

12,000 to have a hope of

breaking even; on Saturday

there were 7,043 at the New

Den. In short, winning is a

If the plan of John Docherty,

Millwail's new manager — his

predecessor was dismissed,

along with 19 other members

of staff, as a cost-cutting exercise last week - was to

beat Rotherham without play-

ing well, it almost succeeded.

With the opposition admitted-

ly playing their part to the full.

this Nationwide League sec-

ond division game was bank-

rupt enough of ideas for the

first 80 minutes to put any

acculative accountant to sleep,

but then Millwall revealed

some potentially costly touch-

First, Crawford, their lead-

ing scorer, twisted sharply to

meet Neill's cross from the

right to loop the ball neatly over the head of Pilkington,

the Rotherham goalkeeper.

Then Cadette ventured on an

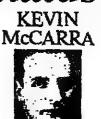
ambitious solo run into the

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financially stricken club.



commentary

At Easter Road tonight Celtic face a Hibernian side that they have beaten briskly on every occasion in the league. this season. As it says in financial advertisements. however, past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. After all the investment of emotion and effort. Celtic's season could still go bust this evening.

It is unlikely that Rangers. can be caught in the league and, if a trophy is to be won, Tommy Burns's team will have to counter their own anxiety in the cup. Apprehen-

#### FIFTH ROUND

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sion also flows from the absence of Jorge Cadete, the Portugal forward, who is required by his country for an international match in Greece.

Celtic will worry, too, about the man on whom they may now have to depend instead. It would be charitable to daim that Pierre van Hooijdonk has been distracted by a dispute over pay and supporters are more inclined to accuse him of a lack of effort.

An attacker who used to be at the heart of every Celtic endeavour has become peripheral and one cannot tell whether the contest at Easter Road will be enough to reawaken the competitiveness that must lie within every sportsman. For other players, excelling oneself in the cup is a matter of

instinct. Jose Quitonga has become known as an elaborate but not especially damaging winger with Hamilton Academical, but on Saturday he continualthe second divison club took a 1-1 draw from the tie at Fir Park. Early in his career the Angolan played a few games for Benfica and, at the weekend, it was possible to make out something of the talent that once made Lisbon's Stadi-

um of Light his stage. in the cup, for at least a few minutes, players often do become what they might have

Millwall's stock

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## Bolton refusing to buckle | Set-pieces unsettle Bury

Sheffield United ....

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BY RICHARD HORSON

THE most endearing George Best story features the Irishman in a hotel bedroom with his casino winnings piled high on the bed and a former Miss World beginning to undress. A porter delivers champagne in an ice bucket, surveys the scene, sighs deeply and asks: "Mr Best, where did it all go WIONE?"

Like Best, Colin Todd, the Bolton Wanderers manager, is becoming used to people misjudging situations, less decadent though they may be. A third of the season remains and Bolton are ten points clear at the top of the Nationwide League first division, samely destined to return to the FA Carling Premiership after relegation last season. Yet still doubters abound.

Somebody told me last week that we are in a bit of a slump," Todd said, "I pointed

TODAY

FOOTBALL

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Stevenage v Hayes (7.45)
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AVON RISURANCE COMENNATION: League Cap: Arsenal v Norwich (2.0); Swindon v Bristol City (2.0); Tottenham v Queers Park Rangars (cf. St. Alberts FC).
PONTIN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackburn v Manchester United (at Tellod FC); Stoke v Botton (7.0).
First olivision: Wolverhampton v Sheffled United (at Tellod FC); League Cap: Group one: Cadesle v Wigan Group firee: Wiresham v Stockport (7.0).
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division: Sackwell v Tiverion.
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Peter-borough v Crystel Palece; Peterborough v Crystel Palece;

OTHER SPORT

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TOMORROW

RUGBY UNION

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OTHER SPORT

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Terments Scottish Cup

Fourth round Hibernian v Celtic (7 45) .

that is a shump, then I hope we never recover.

Worries stem from the awful defending that precipitated their FA Cup fourth-round tefeat against Chesterfield, but they are ill-founded. True. Bolton were not quite at their best against an under-strength, though-purposeful Sheffield United side, and

though Taggart remains temporarily nervous in possession at the back, they demonstrated the qualities - presence up front and balance in midfield - that ought to see them safely promoted Paatelainen deflected in a

cross from Francisen to put them ahead in just the third minute of his first game of the season, and after Fjortoff. swept in a Katchouro pass three minutes later, Fairclough restored their lead when he met a corner from Sellars with a powerful header after 19 minutes.

Francisen was fortunate when a blatant handball in the

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Backnell v Sheffield (8.0); Cerdill v Manchestw (7 0). RACING: Lingfield (AW, 2.15); Huntingdon (1.50), Wincenton (2.05)

FRIDAY

BADMINTON: Friends Provident grand starn (at Mansfield).

(7.30), GOLP: The President's Puller (at Rye), RACING: Southwell (AW, 2.25); Haydock Park (2.0); Kernpion Park (2.10); Wolver-hempton (2.20).

SATURDAY

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PUGNGTON CUP: Quarter-finals: : Newcastle V Lalocaster (2.0); Northampton v Safe
(2.15); Walcafield v Gloucaster

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chivision: Bristol v Bath (3.0); Second
chivision: Bedford v Blackheeth (3.0);
Moseley v Waterfoo (3.0); Redharham v
Hichmond (2.15). Third division: Clinon v
Coley (3.0); Fyide v Luerpool St Helens,
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Excler. Lyaney v Whaterdates (3.0); Moriey

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Woroster v Birnanglon (2.0)

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mpten (AW, 2.0); Foliar

BASKETBALL: Buchreiser Birminghern y Monchester (8.0).

after half-time. Hodgson nodded a floated free kick from Ward into the path of Katchouro, and the Belarus international volleyed the equaliser beyond the stranded Branagan.

Earlier. Branagan had tipped a header from White over the bar, and Tracey in the United goal proved equally acrobatic in diving to his left when Thompson met Frandsen's pass with a precise shot in the closing stages.

There is a lot of tension creeping into games at the moment," Todd said. "At least in our position, if we win most of our games we do not have to worry about what happens below us." He will leave that

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branager — G Bergsson, C Feirchugh, G Taggert, B Small — J Poliock (subt O Lee, 7 kmm), P Franchen, A Thompson, S Sellans — J McGinley, M Publishmen. — J NicGriss, M Pastelanen.

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Hearth; (2.9); Methose v Walsoniens (3.0).
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Sewarts Met IPP (3.0). Fourth division:
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RUGBY LEAGUE

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OTHER SPORT

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SALMANIAN (at Mansbeld).

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SNOOKER: International Open (in Nookear).

## Botton Wanderers 2 out that in fact we have taken penalty area went unseen, but Plymouth Argyle 2 said we have done quite well," ter which gives us a lot more Stan Ternent, the Bury man-determination than we

By DAVID POWELL

BURYS two FA Cup wins, one with a 6-0 record victory for a final, pre-dated the use of Wembley for the tournament's climax but modern football may demand the club's appearance there in May for a second time in three years. This defeat increases the likelihood of Bury needing to rely on the play-offs if they are to be promoted from the Nationwide League second division. Having lost the 1995 third

division play-off final to Ches-terfield, Bury finished third last season, gaining automatic promotion. While the three clubs who went up with them are in the lower half of the table, Bury, to their own surprise, are looking to escape the lower divisions for the first

time in 18 years.

"If we had stayed in this division and won a relegation battle everyhody would have

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ager, said. "Now the expectation is different."

In conceding two goals from free kicks, and rarely threatening the Plymouth Argyle end. Bury displeased their manager. That is as bad as we have played all season," Ternent said. "We did not show the desire we have shown in

Gareth Stoker scored Cardiff City's goal but was sent off two minutes from time in the II draw with Hereford United, his former club, at Edgar Street yesterday.

recent games. I am desperately disappointed and I intend to do something about it."

Compared with some rivals, Bury have spent frugally since last season, some £300,000 on five players. Ternent, appointed manager early last season. has, according to Terry Robinson, the Bury chairman. "brought a strength of characshowed today."

Postponements Bury to one league game in January and they fell from third place to eighth. Defeat on Saturday means that, even by winning their matches in hand, Bury cannot move into one of the two automatic promotion places.

Ternent will need to work on set-pieces. From Martin Barlow's free kick. Ronnie Mauge flicked on and Richard Logan headed in Another Barlow free kick found Carlo Corazzin to head home. Plymouth thus eased their relegation fears but the sacking of Neil Warnock as manager continued to reverberate as supporters called for Dan McCauley, the chairman, to sell the club.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3-5-2): K Binclewell
— M Heathcolle, A James, R Logen — C
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#### they do not win. The better they play, the worse their situation gets, because the market value of anyone play-Berry relishes return ing well - such as Richard Cadette on Saturday - inas Stevenage stumble creases and he is liable to be

Stevenage Borough ..... 0

BY WALTER GAMMUE

mally opened their new stand at Broadhall Way on Saturday, only to give a display on the pitch that was far removed from fulfilling their aspira-tions of climbing into the

left out Stuart Beevor, the

Kettering's assurance radiated from Steve Berry, their player-manager, who captained the title-winning Stevenage side last season and was a controlling influ-

Kettering Town ...

STEVENAGE Borough for Nationwide League.

Paul Fairclough, the man

ager, said: "It was our poorest performance since we joined the Vauxhall Conference. Kettering came to defend and to get a draw, and they did their job well. We showed no invention at all. There was a real sign of a lack of confidence among the players."

Already without Barry Hayles and Neil Trebble through injury, Fairclough goalscoring midfield player, claiming his attitude was disgusting last week, and Stevenage created nothing until Bignall and Adams snatched at chances in the dying minutes.

Kettering made the best of the few chances. Berry and Venables sent Harmon through in the first half, only for the midfield player to push his shot wide. In the second half, Slawson flicked on a pass by Nugent to leave Pearson running on goal. Gallagher, however, stood up well to block his shot and

gathered in the follow-up. Having rebuilt his side and extended an unbeaten run to four matches, Berry was entitied to take satisfaction. "We've got to get somebody who can stick the ball away regularly and we'll be a force again," he said.

STEVENAGE BOROUGH (3-4-1-2): D Galtagher — M Smith, E Sodie, R Kirby — D Grime, D Hooper (subr. C Adams, 46), P Barrovetili, R Muchall — N Cettin (subr. M Bargnal, 46) — G Craus-trae, C Browne. KETTERING. TOWN (3-1-4-2): B Turley — R Marshall, C Gaurt, R Niger — S Barry — D Verables, D Hamper — S Barry — D Verables, D Hamper — S Barry — Lynch, 82) Referency J Veitili.

I John Carroll, the manager, and Billy Rodaway, his assistant, resigned from Halifax Town after their 5-4 defeat by Bath City at The Shay on Saturday.

fenders in the twinkling of an eye and drove home a shot via the feet of Gayle.

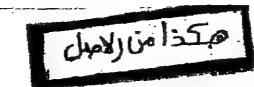
To call it an own goal is an injustice to striker and defender. "I guess Cadette will be on sale for E2 million," one supporter reflected sadiy as he left

the ground. Millwall's followers were naturally delighted at the resuit - they gave the players a standing ovation for arresting a slump that had seen 18 points squandered out of the previous 21 - but are prag-matic enough to be taking life

late goals, though it is not easy for a small crowd to make much noise in such a large monument to the misguided triumph of hope over experience after the brief visit to the old first division in the late Eighties.

These usually vociferous supporters did not venture into song until well into the second half. Clearly, they cannot hold many of the club's shares that were so dramatically suspended at a paltry 4p last month. If they did, the atmosphere throughout would surely have been more like a British Gas shareholders' meeting - which is what a football match really ought to

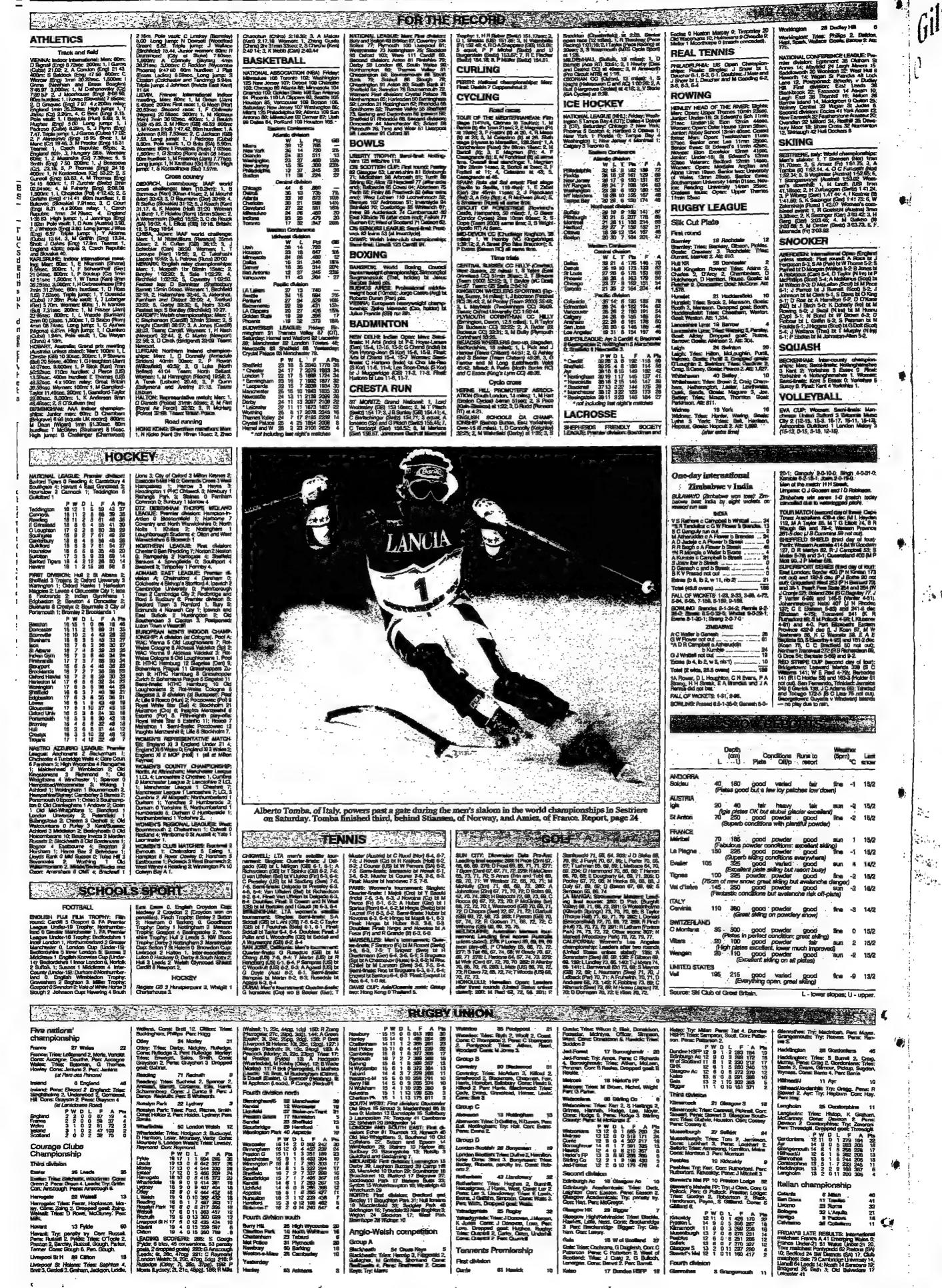
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one week at a time. With the club £10 million in debt and losing £250,000 a month before last week's rationalisation, they can do little else. Nevertheless, they were unexpectedly subdued before the stadium — which is beginning to look like an expensive

MILLWALL (4-4-2): T Center — G Berry, T Wider, D Webber, L Nell — P Hartley, O Savage, R Newman, L McRobert — S Crewford, R Cadellie.

ACTHERHAM UNITED (4-4-2): K ROTHERHAM UNITED (4-4-2): K Pikington — A Roscue, P Dillon, B Gayle, I Braclen — P Hurst (sub: M Druce, 85min), D Gamer, J McGlischen, J Dobber — L Glover, E Jaclejan. Reference A D'Urac



AWARD !

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Cherry-pickers

## Gilfillan gets on her bike for Sydney

ne local paper labelled her a "wonder girl" and Worcester Sports Council made her its sportswoman of the year. She appears with Chris Boardman and Ben Ainshe in a pilos television video, A League Of Their Own, and has been on the front cover of Triathlete magazine. At 17, Ceris Gilfillan can barely take in what has happened to her in the past 18 months, let alone speculate about what the future might hold. The 2000 Olympic Games

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in Sydney, she said unhesitatingly, is a clear target and her school has taken the rare step of altering her timetable to help her to train with that goal in mind. Gilfillan is putting university on hold while dedicating herself to her great triathion adventure, but says that it is too soon to say whether she might turn professional, "I cannot imagine it when it is just little me here thinking about all the world champions and top ten in the world," she said,

"Little me" is growing up fast. Two years ago, Gilfillan was a competitive runner and swimmer, but not a cyclist. Though hardly a beginner on a bike — "I didn't need stabilisers or anything like that," she laughed - neither had she shown an interest in racing. Then her father and brother held up the third piece of the triathlon jigsaw and Gilfillan made it fit.

"James, my brother, did a triathlon in October 1994, but I had never thought of doing one," Gilfillan said. "I did a cycling time-trial the following April because my dad used to do a lot of cycling and James had done some. Then, because I had done a time-trial, they said: "Why don't you do a triathlon?" She could think of no excuse and, looking at her record now, it is just as well.

In 1995, within six months of her first triathlon, Gilfillan finished thirteenth in the

CARDIFF Devils maintained

their three point lead in the Superleague with a hard-

earned 4-3 away victory over

Ayr Scottish Eagles in front of

a capacity crowd of 2,733. A -

rush of goals midway through

the first period saw the score

go from 0-0 to 2-2 inside two

minutes. Jamie Steer and Jiri

Lala giving the home team a 2-0 lead with goals 20 seconds

apart, only to see Ivan

Matulik and the defenceman,

Mike Ware, reply almost as quickly for the visitors.

The scoring rate slowed

down after that, but Cardiff

took over with goals by Doug McEwen and Doug McCar-



(under-16) in Cancin, Mexico. Last year, she won the British youth title and finished runner-up in the European championships. A useful but unexceptional swimmer and runner, she has been a revelation on wheels, winning four nat-ional cycling titles in 1996. In the words of Elaine

Shaw, the British Triathlon Association (BTA) chief executive, Gilfillan has "a voracious appetite for competition". With triathlon set for the 2000 Olympics and 2002 Common-wealth Games, Gilfillan looks a solid bet, even this far ahead, to be in the front line for selection. "She certainly has the potential for the Olympics," Shaw said.

Gilfillan's school, appreciating the fact, is supporting her. She is the only A-level student at The Chase High School, Malvern, taking two subjects rather than three. "We have adapted the timetable to suit head of PE, said, "But, if the person in question was not as dedicated as Ceris, I am not sure the school would be so helpful. We try to give kids the best opportunity to achieve their maximum, in whatever it may be."

While others plan for university, Gilfillan is intent on chasing ranking points to qualify for Sydney. Triathletes will need to be in the top three of their country and top 50 in the world. You need three A levels to go to university but I

ICE HOCKEY

Devils warm to their mission

thy in the second period.

Penalties to Marty Yewchuk

and Frank Evans, of Cardiff.

early in the third period gave

Ayr a two-man advantage,

enabling Ryan Kummu to

score and bring the margin

back to a single goal, but,

despite removing Sven

Rampf, their goaltender, in

favour of an extra forward in

the final minute, they were

unable to salvage a point. Sheffield Steelers, in second

place, trailed 1-0 to a first-

period goal by Jonathan

Weaver at home to Newcastie

Cobras, but skated off 6-3

winners to keep up the sole challenge to Cardiff at the



Gilfillan's competitive instincts have helped her on the road to the Olympics. Photograph: Julian Herbert

do not want to go straight away," Gilfillan said, "I want to race abroad and pick up as many points as I can."

The 1997 targets are the European and world championships. Not only must Gilfilian cope with double the distance but also, in the case of the world championships, a significant age handicap. She has moved out of the sprint age-group into the Olympic

head of the table. A goal by Ken Priestlay levelled the score soon after the restart,

but Mike Bodnarchuk put

Newcastle ahead again before Tim Cranston, with a goal either side of the second

interval, gave Sheffield the

head for the first time. Tony

Hand and David Longstaff extended the margin to 5-2, but

Newcastle's gamble in taking

off their goaltender, Mika

Rautio, with more than a

minute remaining paid off when Markku Kyllonen

scored his team's third. How-

ever, Frank Kovacs put the

puck into the empty net nine

distance age-group, in which races are over 1,500 metres (swim), 40 kilometres (ride) and 10 kilometres (run). The world championships are for the 18 to 20 age-group. "Seven-teen-year-olds are allowed to go only if their country say they are good enough," she said. If she isn't, who is?

Gilfillan came to triathlon having represented Worcestershire in swimming, cross country and hockey, playing in goal. Ah, the easy life of a gage is paid, and the running

goalkeeper compared with training for triathlon. She trains twice a day, 15 hours a week, including a 60-mile ride. The more she puts in, the more her parents take out of their bank account. Her mother estimates that £8,000 went on her daughter's triathlon needs last year. House repairs are on hold. "Once our morthouse repairs done now.

costs, the rest goes on triathlon," she said.

The BTA, aware that it must take triathlon into schools to fish for talent, has piloted a junior award scheme, which is likely to be launched in earnest this year, perhaps followed by a framework of schools competition. Interested parents should get their

ROWING

## Britain toast success in Sydney

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE British delegation had every reason to celebrate this weekend after achieving total success at the Fisa Congress in Sydney, when it persuaded the Fise council to drop its proposals to cut the number of events in the world championships from 24 to 19.

British athletes and administrators were concerned when, last August, the council of the world's governing body announced proposals to cut back the number of events, on the grounds of cost and media

friendliness. The proposals would also have biased the champion-ships towards sculling rather than rowing, the latter, of course, being the discipline which is more successfully undertaken by Britain inter-

After six months of international canvassing, the British delegation of David Tanner, the international manager, Di Ellis, the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) chairman, and Martin Brandon-Bravo, the leader and ARA President, achieved all their aims.

On a British motion, Congress agreed to maintain a 24programme for the world championships. The men's coxed four and coxed pair will remain, as will the

only change will be the substitution of a women's lightweight quad for the former cordess four. The British delegation was also successful in urging that

men's lightweight eight and women's lightweight pair. The

Fise addressed the rules concerning amateurism and was promised a working party eport in the summer.

The Congress also agreed to retain a programme of 14 events for the next Olympic Games, although there was considerable support for a French proposal to provide four events, instead of the current three, for lightweights.

## avoid golf course hazards

ack Nicklaus, reputed to be the best golfer of all time, took nine years to earn \$1 million in prizemoney. By contrast, Tiger non to hit the United States Tour, reached that target in nine weeks. Even allowing for inflation, this is no mean

in 1975, when the Euro pean PGA Tour emerged in its present form, prizemoney for its 17 tournaments totalled £600,000. By last year that figure had grown to £30 million for a total of 37 events played in locations ranging from the Far East to Jersey. Around 200,000 spectators are expected to attend the British Open at Royal Troon this

The achievement of the Europeans in breaking Uni-ted States dominance in the Ryder Cup fuelled the amateur game in Britain and led, briefly, to demand outstripping the number of courses available. As a result new courses

began popping up all over the 'The dream country. Then fortunes sion and a large could be new clubs were made was either sold or went into receivshattered' dream that for-

According to Golf Research, 83 per cent of new clubs are in financial difficulty. Last year 23 clubs were sold and another 17 have the "for sale" sign up. But there are indications that things are changing. In fact, there are companies that claim to be doing very nicely, and three of them have come to the stock market during the past

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couple of years.
PGA European Tour Courses is the biggest of these, carrying a price tag of £39 million. It has the backing of three big players the PGA European Tour itself, Mark McCormack's International Management Group (IMG) and David Thompson, founder of Hillsdown Holdings. Between them they hold 60 per

The company came to the stock market in 1995, and has spent £4.5 million building up its prestigious portfolio of courses and management agreements across Britain and Europe. These include Collingtree Park in Northamptonshire, Stockley Park in Middlesex, Quinta Do Lago in Portugal and Portmarnock in Ireland, as well as Schloss Bittenburg in Germany.

THE BUSINESS



Earlier this month if bought The Tytherington in from Clubpartners International, the smallest of the

publicly quoted operators.
Sean Kelly, managing director of PGA Tour Courses. says there is money in golf and is confident of achieving carnings growth of at least 20 per cent per annum. For the current year brokers are forecasting pre-tax profits of E2 million

"Our strategy has been to the right price. In other

to hold a portfo-lio of 20 top courses by the end of the The fallure of many dubs in

provided PGA Tour Courses and its neares rival, Clubhans, with the opportunity to pick them up at knockdown prices.

Clubhaus operates at what Guy Buckley, a director, describes as the "family end" of the market. It is the group's intention to offer golf as part of an overall leisure package, aimed at the family as a whole rather than just the average hacker.

The company operates four facilities in this country, including the impressive Duke's Dene course in Surrey, as well as two more in Germany and one in Belgium. Buckley, formerly with IMG, said: "Our objective is to establish up to 15 courses in this country over the medium term.

We see ourselves a bit like a hotel, but instead of bums on beds we are attempting to get bums on that we can then improve our profitability by offering those golfers the use of other extensive

By encouraging the family concept it is hoped the Nick Faldos of tomorrow ber and the Ryder Cup, the need for fresh talent may become all too apparent.

nackages."

MICHAEL CLARK

BOWLS

#### Biggs's six too late to save title-holders

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

A BRILLIANT count of six conjured up by Mel Biggs, the England international, was not enough to save Wiltshire. the holders of the Liberty Trophy, from a 124-119 defeat by Nottinghamshire in the national inter-county semi-final at Wellingborough on Saturday.

Biggs was level, 15-15, with Bob Dickens after 19 ends, but scored a treble on the twentieth, and took out an enemy bowl to score six on the 21st bringing Wiltshire within three shots of Nottinghamshire with only two ends left to

Nottinghamshire skips Jamie Mills and Simon Barker, both scored singles, however, and the crisis was averted. Biggs was Wiltshire's only winning skip, but Mills, Barker, Duncan Robinson, Brett Morley and Phil Talbot returned winning cards for Nottinghamshire.

Nottinghamshire, who had never previously gone beyond the semi-final stage, will now face the winners of the semifinal between Kent and Cumbria on Saturday. Llanelli, the 1995 champi-

ons, will face the crown green

bowlers of North Wales in the final of the Welsh inter-club final next Saturday, after beating the holders, Cardiff, 123-94, in the semi-final at Ogwr. Ffrith, who played at Prestayn, won the Northern League this winter for the first time. With few flat greens north of Llandirodod Wells, they attract crown green players, many of whom cross the English border to play the level green game in winter.

SAILING: CREWS PROVIDE BOOST FOR ORGANISERS WITH BLANKET FINISH

## Fanfare for the common man

RV EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

MANY of the top racing sailors in Great Britain like to criticise the BT Global Chalienge. To them, it is little more than a "round-the-world suap opera" for inexperienced amateurs, which harms the image of racing sailing, while at the same time commands unjustifiably large amounts of sponsorship and coverage by the

The 1996-97 race has already demonstrated, however, that, as a sporting event, it has position. With one-design yachts and crew selection carefully geared to ensuring that no boat has an unfair advantage, the Challenge has turned out to be every bit as closefought and competitive as its professional equivalents.

What does it matter that the overall skill level is lower than, say, in a Whithread Round the World Race, so same footing, which is clearly the case. The race offers a refreshingly unprofessionalised sporting spectacle, featur-

ing ordinary people.
This weekend the crews and skippers have done the talking for Chay Blyth, the race founder and director, who is tireless in its defence. After sailing 1,250 miles across the Tasman Sea from Wellington. the 14-strong fleet arrived in Sydney with just six hours. separating first from last.
After what, for many of the

crews, had been a week-long match race with their closest rivals on the water, the 67-foot steel cutters carved their way into Sydney Harbour yesterwith, in some cases, only minutes separating them. It was a thrilling exhibition of one-design racing. So hectic were the arrivals that the customs were overwhelmed and several crews had to stand off while those ahead were

Global Challenge

The leg winner was Andy Hindley's Save The Children, which crossed the line Zhu 18min ahead of Mike Golding. on Group 4, who thus failed in his dream of posting three leg wins in a row. Just an hour later came a complete surprise — Courtaulds International.

the slow-coach of the fleet to

date, who improved nine places in 12 hours with a storming finish. Courtaulds, skippered by Boris Webber, and Save The Children benefited from plotting a course well to the north

of the main fleet. Although Golding did not have to endure the kind of agonisingly slow finish that he experienced in Rio and Wel-



Save The Children sails towards the Sydney Opera House at the end of the stage

by Hindley in the final stretch. A message from Group 4 while still at sea underlined

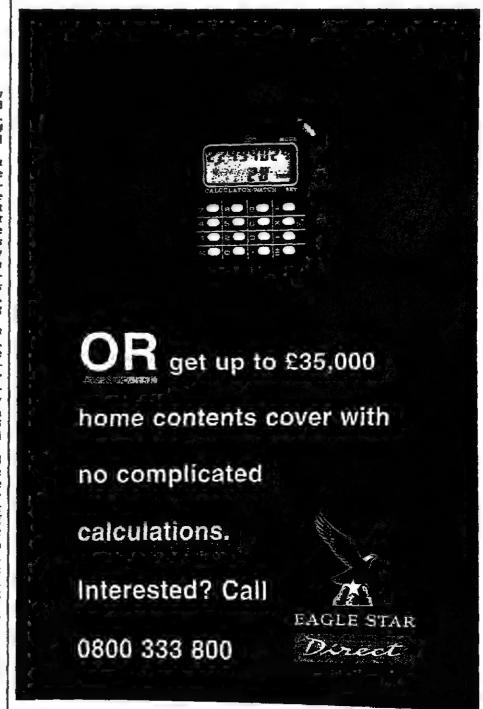
the tension on board. With Concert and Toshiba Wave Warrior now on the horizon, the pressure has increased beyond belief," the crew reported. "Over the past few hours a concertina effect has been seen across the whole fleet. Spanning some 91 miles this morning, we are now spread across 68 miles with just two or three miles separating the first Il yachts. Now it is just a matter of 'grunting-up'. as skipper Mike Golding

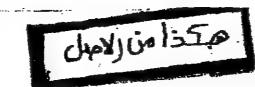
would say."

Among the closest finishers were Pause To Remember, Concert and 3Com, who were fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively, but spread over only 12 minutes. Heath Insured II, which held the early lead, finished in twelfth, with the disabled crew on Time & Tide last, after a leg where sail changes were frequent.
With three legs completed

and a two-week rest before the restart for the voyage to Cape Town, Golding has slightly improved his bold on the event and now has an overall lead of around 18 hours over Toshiba and Save The Children, who are just 43 minutes apart. With 32 hours to Motorola, in fourth, overall honours still look like coming from the first

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**RACING:** CUTBACKS IN PROSPECT IF PROPOSALS GO AHEAD

## Labour reveals plans to privatise the Tote

By RICHARD EVANS

THE unwelcome prospect of racing losing at least £13 million in revenue next year equivalent to a quarter of the sport's proceeds from betting - emerged yesterday after the Labour party confirmed it wants to privatise the Tote.

Gordon Brown and Jack Straw, the shadow Chancellor and Home Secretary, have held discussions about selling off the pool betting organisation and using estimated proceeds of between £400 million and £500 million to help fund the party's spending plans. "They think that given the current state of public spending there is potential to realise money for education and health," an adviser to Brown said yesterday.

The impact on racing's finances from privatisation could be severe. In 1995-96 the Tote's contribution to racing from betting levy, payments to racecourses and sponsorship totalled £8.3 million. The loss of such revenue would be bad enough, but it could coincide with a change in the system for collecting betting levy, due to come into force in April 1998, which will see a cut of between £5 million and £7 million a year in the amount racing receives from betting.

Such a double blow would plunge racing into chaos. Some of the 59 racecourses levels of prize-money would be squeezed still further.

Ironically, the Government reviewed the future of the Tote last year and examined the possibility of transferring it to racing, but Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, concluded in July that \*complex issues" made such a step impractical. The main stumbling block, and one Labour will have to overcome if it decides to go ahead with privatisation, involves Euro-

pean competition policy. The Tote enjoys an exclusive licence to operate pool betting but the Home Office concluded "it might not be possible to maintain the exclusive licence on transfer to a private body [and] the fixed odds business might have to be removed from the Tote."

Without an exclusive licence, the value of the Tote, with its 200 betting shops, would plummet to around £35 million. However, if the pool betting "monopoly" could be privatised, it could raise up to £500 million. Significantly, the Brown aide added: "Thought has been given to that and we don't think they are insur-mountable odds."

When Howard set up his review of the Tote he said it would consider all options including public flotation, contracting out and sale by competitive tender - but insisted they should be consistent with two principles. "The Government should maintain the extent to which racing current-ly benefits from the Tote and the viability of pool betting in the public interest."

The key question is whether privatised Tote would be obliged to continue to make such a large financial contribution to racing. An "endow-ment fund" for racing has been mooted, but if new owners were obliged to provide millions of pounds each year it would reduce substantially the Tote's value - and the amount privatisation

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

The Treasury would want to obtain full value so that racing, which would be concerned as to what happened to the Tote, would have to pay the full amount if it wanted to buy it. Secondly, Labour would have to demonstrate how they could get past the European competition rules."

If Labour's plans come to fruition, the successor to Lord Wyatt as chairman of the Tote - likely to be announced next month - would have a short period of office. The Government's attitude to privatising the Tote is likely to be made

clear at the Tote's annual

lunch on March 5 when the

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The confirmation of Labour's plans, which have

been under discussion for six

months, came as a surprise to

racing yesterday - not least to Lord Wyatt of Weeford, who

steps down as the Tote chair

man at the end of April. "It's

total nonsense. I don't believe

for one moment they would

dream of doing such a thing. It

is the product of feverish

imagination. There are so

many complications, not least

the question of the exclusive

of the British Horseracing

Board, was more pragmatic

There are two main snags.

Lord Wakeham, chairman

licence," he said.



Master Oats was pulled up at Punchestown yesterday in his first race for a year

## Master Oats faces retirement

MASTER OATS has been taken out of the Gold Cup and Grand National betting and may be retired after being pulled up on his first race for a year at Punchestown yesterday (our Irish racing corres-

Norman Williamson pulled up Master Oats before the GSM Grand National Trial Chase, won by the former Cheltenham Festival winner. Antonin. The Sue Bramalltrained gelding is 16-1 with William Hill for Aintree. "His beart wasn't there. It

wasn't a lack of fitness," Kint Bailey, the trainer of Master Oats, said. "Norman said on ground he should have come home on the bridle. We will take him home and see, but there is a possibility he will be retired. We certainly won't flog him."

Only three of the nine runners finished on the heavy going and Antonin won by a Triumph Hurdle.

distance after a rugged frontronning performance under Conor O'Dwyer. "He enjoyed being in front and looked like the borse of old. The National has always been his target," Bramall said.

Commanche Court, trained by Ted Walsh, the Irish television commentator, followed up his debut success in the grade three Juvenile Hurdle. He is 8-1 with William Hill for the Elite Racing Club

3.40 SMOWORDP MOVICES CHASE (E2,772: 2m) (5)

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#### Racecourse closures no answer to problems of finance

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hen Lord Wakeof the British Horseracing Board, launched the BHB discussion paper Racing Industry Review: Options for Change on February 6, he was at pains to emphasise that the paper was the work of the BHB executives and not the BHB Board. It is to be hoped that when the Board meets to put its seal on the document on March 6 it kicks into touch some of the more unrealistic options that have been raised.

There are ideas in the paper which could command racecourse respect, such as a review of prize-money funding to increase racecourse and sponsorship input. Centralise initiatives through the BHB marketing department, an en-hancement of the position of the Tote in the betting market and an examination of alternatives to the levy.

However, these moves are overshadowed by a number of ideas which would seriously damage the wellbeing of the increasingly thriving racecourses. As managing director of the Racecourse Association (RCA), it is hardly surprising that I view with some hostility the proposals to contemplate racecourse closures, enforce fixture movements and reduce the compensation payments to courses which race on unprofitable days for the

benefit of off-course betting. Two years ago, the BHB a more customerfriendly flature list, prompted by the RCA, accompanied by an exhortation that "strong racecourses make for a strong racing industry". This clarion call is beginning to have a rather hollow sound to it. The discussion paper has an anti-enterprise feel to it, casting covetous eyes at the wealth

#### STANLEY JACKSON



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creators of the industry - the Levy Board, the Tote, Satellite Information Services (SIS), the breeders and the courses.

There is an attitude in racing, which this paper reflects, that racecourses are ground where money is to be had for the picking up. In the last accounting period the courses collectively made £8. million net profit and distributed a mere £150,000 in dividends. This means that over 98 per cent of racecourse earnings went straight back into racing.

Since the courses ten years ago started to receive income from SIS, for the right to screen racing in betting shops, racecourse executives and race sponsorship together have contributed £155 million

to prize money.
Talk of racecourse closures as a way of improving racing's finances flies in the face of the facts. Courses are net contributors to the levy, to prize-money and to the capital infrastructure of the industry. Each closure would be a net loss to the sport. Racecourse catchment areas are small. Closures would risk losing large sections of racegoers. They would also reduce opportunities for those professionally involved in racing.

The paper is long on questions and short on answers. More worryingly, it is as comprehensive on racing as it is lightweight on how racing should respond to changes in society as a whole in terms of individual consumer behaviour, the tendency to vigorous self-interest and the spending of the leisure pound. It also concentrates on shifting money, mainly from racecourses, around racing in-stead of helping the wealth creators produce more of the same and enrich the industry.

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4.45 (2m 4f hole) 1, Catestial Choir (B Storey, 9-2); 2, Tumpole (5-1), 3, Tom Brodis (7-1), Sea Vidor 11-8 ten 10 ms. NR Livio 2/4, 4, J Syre Toter £4,20; £1 60, £2,80,£2,40, UF; £13 40, Tro: £26,60, CSF; £26,42 Tricast: £147 61. Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,582.79 carried forward to Hereford today).
Placepot: £219.40. Quedpot: £10.30. Chepstow

1.15 1. Brave Tormado (8-1), 2. Moonsh (11-1), 3. Anzum (15-2). Cadougoid 11-10 fax. 12 ran 1.45 1, Air Shot (5-2): 2. Nainhen [ad (100-30): 3. Bells Life (13-8 fev) 5 ran. 2.15 1, Boardroom Shuffle (5-4 tay); 2, Mighly Mosé (9-2); 3, Marching Marquis (8-1) 8 rate. (8-1) 8 rate 2.45 1, Gaverdinne (4-1 las), 2, Rocky Park (14-1); 3, Spushington (8-1); 4, Special Account (20-1); 16 ran. 3,15 1, Princeful (7-2); 2, John Drummi (8-1); 3, Behnombruino (8-1); Wise King 2-1 las (1); 1, Refrancia (8-1); Wise King 2-1 las (1); 1, Cyborgio (4-7 las); 2, Buckhouse Boy (4-1); 3, Firm Of Praise (8-1); 14 ran. Nrt. The Bouley House, Walpro 4.25 1, Benkhouse (15-2); 2, Sopilly (12-1); 3, Glengamii Get (8-1); Korbod 2-1 tav (1); 12 ran.

Warwick 1.50 1, Goldingo (9-2); 2, Thornton Gale (9-2), 3, Chicodari (100-30 lav), 8 ran.

2.20 1, Carole's Crustider (3-1); 2, Macronan (4-1); 2 Sporting Spring star), 6 ran sar), 6 ran (3-1); 4 ran (3-1); 5 ran 2.50 1, Lets Be Frank (3-1 (1-tan), 2. Beaumont (3-1 (1-tan); 3, First Class (10-1). 18 gm. NO Hopewolds. 3.20 1, Multigan (5-6 lav); 2, Squire 3.5 (Evens); 3, Flying Instructor (25-1); 4 ran. 3.55 1, Influence Pedier (16-1), 2, Politor's Gale (13-8); 3, King Pin (5-4 tav); 5 ran.

RICHARD EVANS Nap: DENHAM HILL (2.20 Fontwell Park) Nea best: Master Tribe (3.40 Hereford)

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50.57955 3.05 1, Red Raja (13-2); 2, Far Dawn (11-4 Las): 3, Infarmous (16-1) 11 cm NR: 3.46 1, Equity Player (4-1) 2, Big Ben Dun (5-1); 3, Royal Sarron (25-1). Zambero, Spull 7-4 bar. 8 cen 4.16 1 Huselins: Youth (9-4 fast; 2, Joséa Man (7-1); 3, Key Player (8-1); 11 cen 4.50 1. More Dash Thuncash (11-10 lm): 2. Stephents Rest (5-1): 3. Colossus Of Roads (11-2) 9 tan Lingfield Park 2.10 1, Lift Boy (4-1); 2, River Seine (11-1); 3, Into Debt (7-1), Hansai Storm 7-2 (ss. 10 240 1, Hower Golf Changer (11-8 lad): 2. Heuer Golf Dericer (8-1), 3. Heavisely Mics. (9-4): 4 uns. NR: Spaniato's Mount.

3.10 1. Bagainet (8-11 tarl; 2, Statistican (7-2); 3, Dream Career (16-1), 6 nm. 3,45 t, Laurn Lothario (3-1 pHeat), 2, Pirets-richa (14-1), 3, Globopolier (3-1 pHeat), 6 tion.
4.20 1, Ridin (5-2 ji-tav); 2, Blues Magic (5-2 ji-tav); 3, Ma Viella Pouque (4-1), Mopaleo 5-2 ji-tav, 6 nm.
4.65 1, Hurleopein Wella (17-4), 2, Glow Forum (5-2); 3, Nantay (12-1), Persussion 10-11 law, 4 ran.

HEREFORD THUNDERER

2.10 Avanti Express. 2.40 Keep It Zipped, 3.10 Metstock Meggie. 3.40 Mester Tribe. 4.10 Winnow. 4.40 One More Dime. 5.10 Blazing Miracle. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 AVANTI EXPRESS.

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2.40 DAFFORM, HANDICAP CHASE (£2.876: 3m 1[ 110yd) (10)

3.10 CONSLIP MOVICES HANDICAP HUROLE (\$2,337: 2m 3f 110yd) (16)

SOUTHWEL THUNDERER 2.30 Mustang, 3.00 English Invader, 3.30 Lining, 4.00 Supercharmer, 4.30 Depart In 5.00 Touch NGo.

GOING, STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 2.30 BERING HANDICAP

(£2,294: 1m 3f) (15 runners)

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3.00 BALTIC CLAIMING STAKES (£2,294: 1m 4f) (8) 

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4.00 HUDSON BAY MADER STAKES (E3,724: 61) (8)

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☐ Boardroom Shuffle could go for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham after winning the Colin Davies Persian War Premier Novices' Hurdle at Chepstow on Saturday.

AY FEBRUARY

## Old barriers come crashing down as nation's netballers strive to beat best in the world

## Men of Middlesex cross great divide in battle of the sexes

somewhere in England.
"Where's my netball
kit? I need it. Quickly (screams). I'm late."

"Be quiet, daughter darling, I'm trying to concentrate. Daddy needs his kit. Oh, what have I done

Whatever the hidden dramas may be for the average chap going off for his weekend game of netball, at county level you have to be prepared. Yesterday, every Middlesex player arrived 45 minutes before the match, in good time for the team-talk and warm-up,

Colin Gordon, as is usual before a big game, watched his motivational videos of the world's best teams the night before. Pete Gill made sure he was in bed early. He always is before netball the next day. Yes, men really do play netball and I challenge you to find a member of the Birmingham

women's squad who played Middlesex in Birmingham yesterday who would not agree they play it pretty well. Carol, selling tickets at the door, was, at first,

not impressed with their shape or look". She only had to watch them warm up to change her mind. "Now I have seen them on court, its a different thing," she said. "They are good you know." Carol has not been playing for 28 years without

developing an eye.

She had never watched a men's team before. "I didn't think I would ever see the day." she confessed. So mesmerised was she that it would have been possible, I think, to sneak in without paying once the match had started.

Middlesex are effectively the England men's team and, such has been their improvement, that they are used regularly as training opposition for the England women's squad. With status like that, the jibes are becoming increasingly outdated and the number of men's teams in England is now into double figures.

David Powell sees

England's women

enjoy benefit of unexpected help

"People laugh and ask us whether it is necessary to wear skirts," lain Root, the Middlesex vicecaptain, said, "They usually say, and we have been asked this by women's teams: 'Are we all gay?'
There is still a stigma and image
problem to be overcome, but awareness has increased through the Nineties and now that there is

a general acceptance that it is not such a girlie-poofy sport. More men are willing to play it."

The England women's camp is delighted. "The girls have an advantage of skill and tactics because they have been playing the game longer through school.

'People laugh and ask us if it is necessary to wear skirts ... there is still a stigma'

> but we tend to score on the physical side, on height and speed," Michael Blott, the men's representative on the All England Netball Association (AENA), said. A men's representative on AENA, note. These boys are serious.

Middlesex won 25-22. They were more powerful and stronger than us and could jump higher Christine Weaver, an England squad member, said. But not brutal. "They are a clean team," she added. "Not as dirty as some of the temale teams we play." And the very idea of men playing netball? "It is good for the sport, it will improve its profile."

Weaver, playing goal defence, was giving away four inches to Root. Even when marking him tightly, his jumping would earn England women aspire to beat

Broomhead recognises the benefit of playing against men. "Tactically, they are nowhere near Australia and New Zealand, but they can produce the type of movement that challenges us to find the skills that we know we are going to need Broomhead, the England women's coath, said. They have worked hard on making sure their basic skills are there.

Root noted that when Jamaica and South Africa played England, they had a 6ft 4in shooter, adding that it was as much about reach as height, "That is the role we provide, giving them the type of practice they are looking for," Root said. "The game we play is the overhead, aerial game. "You just lift the ball over the defender into the hands of the attacker.

The rule change introduced 12 months ago means than an umpire blows for contact only if it is

interlering with the game, so players have to be tougher. They are going to have to learn to stand their ground when they have got 15st running at them. Some of the teams they play on the world scene have enormous girls: fit, powerful,

chunky." Lorraine Law, a oft 3in England shooter, said. "In England, there

are no female goalkeepers who can cover my shots. It is harder to get the ball past the men than someone I can dominate. It is brilliant practise for international netball. They play a more unorthodox netball, but it gives us a chance to test our reflexes and adaptability."

Why do men play netball? "They are airracted by its speed and skill," according to Blott. Colin Hill, a van driver with Ravenelli hair, defected from basketball." "You get the banter in the pub," Hill said. "They call you tart and poof, but once they chat about it they envy you." Just wait until he them about all the hugging and kissing that the men and



Weaver can only watch as Gill takes a shot for the men in Birmingham yesterday

## Murtagh gives new code the high fives

By a special correspondent

"IT'S active, it's fun and it's designed for the young." Fiona Murtagh, the England netball captain, was referring to High Five, her sport's answer to mini-

rugby.
The recently-launched junior version of netball is now the official game to be played by girls

and, increasingly, boys — aged
under 12. Its introduction, along with the elimination of competitive, adult-style, netball until sec-ondary-school age, is causing almost as divisive a schism within the sport as the ordination of women priests in the Church of

England.
The rules involve five-a-side matches with non-playing squad members assuming the roles of timekeeper, scorer and centre pass marker while the team plays four quarters, each of five minutes duration. Players are allowed to hold the ball for four seconds

before passing. Under-nines often prefer a simplified version of High Five, known as First Step netball. This features four-a-side teams playing two halves of five minutes duration with five seconds allowed

before passing. The philosophy underpinning both High Five and First Step is that youngsters should be encouraged to play in a co-operative way, acquiring skills without the attendant pressures of winning. Teachers and coaches are encouraged to ignore results and concentrate on fair play and improving

performance.
The All England Netball Association — which has taken the English Schools Netball Association under its umbrella - decrees that it will only run national championships from age 13 upwards, declaring that competition for younger age-groups is best provided at local level.

However, many teachers have only a sketchy knowledge of High Five and First Step. Children under 11 may find their school offering one version and their local club providing traditional adult netball or vice-versa.

Critics claim the abolition of national junior competition diminishes enjoyment and say the consequent lack of real rivalry discourages participation.

HOCKEY

## Conway's skill helps to lift Teddington to top

NICK CONWAY inspired Teddington to a 5-1 victory against Guildford and to leadership of the premier division of the National eague with two goals in the first 12 minutes of a match at Chiswick

yesterday. Conway seized his chances from scrambles deep inside the circle Pand assisted McGuire to score the next two goals, the second from a penalty stroke in the 49th minute.

Hall reduced the lead with a shot high into an empty net seven minutes later, but Billson was soon on target for Teddington's fifth goal As one-sided as the result may

seem, Guildford were well in this game of strong running and hard tackling but did not have the rub of the green. Jennings hit a post from the second of two short corners in the first half and Hall twice missed the mark by inches.

in the match that followed at the same venue. Cannock, without the

injured Crutchley, lost 2-1 to Hounslow, who established a 2-0 lead with a goal in each half by Williamson from a penalty stroke and Nurse from a short corner. Edwards hit a post from a penalty stroke for Cannock in the 56th minute, but Sharpe scored from open play a minute before the end. Reading were back in the hunt with a 40 away win against Barford Tigers, with goals by

Wyatt and Oscroft from penalty

corners, Pearn and Ashdown from open play. Havant achieved their first win in 18 matches by defeating East Grinstead 4-3 with goals by Cunliffe, Jackson and Gerritsen from short corners. Wilkinson added the other. Gibson obtained all East Grinstead's goals. His first from a short corner and a third from a penalty stroke. A goal by Davis three minutes before the end

rescued Southgate, who held Can-

terbury to a 4-4 draw.

**BASKETBALL: CHAMPIONS RECORD LOWEST SCORE OF SEASON** 

## Towers crack under title strain

By Nicholas Harling

THE lowest Budweiser League score of the season, recorded embarrassingly by the champions, London Towers, on Saturday has renewed the hopes of the other title contenders. The Towers collapsed 82-46 to Manchester Giants in the Nynex Arena, their worst domestic defeat, to revive the spirits of Sheffield Sharks and Chester Jets, among others.

Only a week ago Mike Burton, the Jets coach, was bemoaning his club's fading chances after their one-point defeat at Wembley. But along with Jim Brandon, of Sheffield, who, like Chester, were

winners on Saturday, Burton need not give up.

Kevin Cadle, the Towers coach. was too shocked by the manner of his side's defeat to discuss it. His players had succeeded with only 25

per cent of their attempts from the field. "That didn't help" Rick Taylor. the general manager, said. "I have never seen anything like it. We were outplayed, outrebounded,

outeverythinged. It's the longest bus ride home I have ever known." From the first few minutes, when

the Giants surged ahead 15-5, the and Ricardo Leonard. outcome was a formality. A spec-The Tigers had pulled level at tacular three-pointer from Kevin St Kitts took Joe Whelton's squad 20 88-88 when the Jets made the game points clear at 43-23, after which it was the turn of Colin Irish to make the evening a wretched one for Cadle, his former coach.

Results and table ..

Irish dominated the final quarter when, with 14 points that included four three-pointers, he took his tally 10 18, one more than Mark Robinson's. Danny Lewis, with a paltry Il points, was Towers' leading scorer. Far more predictable was the Giants' 79-63 win last night at Crystal Palace, where it was the turn of Michael Brown to include four three-pointers among his 28 points. Palace had lost 80-69 at Worthing Bears the night before.

Chester's win, by 97-90, came at Thames Valley Tigers with the help of 24 points from Billy Singleton and 20 apiece from Hilary Scott

sale from the free-throw line, with Russ Saunders scoring seven times. The Sharks trailed for much of their game at Newcastle Eagles before emerging with a crucial 86-83 success for which they are most indebted to Voisie Winyers. the top scorer of the weekend with 38 points.

Sticking to their principles has proved a costly exercise for Leicester Riders, who, after suspending Leon McGee for a breach of club discipline, followed up their departure from the 7-Up Trophy by losing 92-58 at Hernel and Watford Royals, the Budweiser League's bottom club. Sam Stiller led Hemel's scorers for the first time with 22 points, including the last two decisive free

SNOOKER

## Higgins makes nervous opening to title defence

JOHN HIGGINS, the defending champion, may or may not be superstitious but his thirteenth successive match in the International Open was nearly an unlucky one yesterday for the world No 2.

Higgins badly wants to put on a show for Aberdeen's snooker followers, who have responded to the first-ever staging of a ranking tournament in Scotland by turning out in their droves.

Nearly one thousand were in attendance at the Exhibition and Conference Centre to see the 21year-old, a member of his country's World Cup winning trio, take on promising compatriot Graeme

With no local players participating in the £330,000 event allegiance for Higgins, from Wishaw. and Dott, a resident of the Lanarkshire village of Larkhall, was divided.

Even with Higgins facing an unexpected defeat in a deciding

ninth frame, their loyalty remained split. After 215 minutes of cut and thrust during the afternoon, it was the supporters of Higgins who were celebrating as their man recovered from 23-10 down with a clearance of 61 to secure a 5-4 victory.

"I'm delighted to still be in-volved in the tournament but I cannot believe how badly I am playing," lamented the 21-year-old title-holder, unbeaten in the competition that has moved from Bournemouth to Swindon and now to the Granite City in the last three years. "It's heartbreaking." Higgins added. "I missed so many easy balls and, really, Graeme deserved to win."

Higgins hasn't won a champion ship since his success over Rod Lawler in the final last year, and there was nothing in this performance to scare Dennis Taylor, his opponent in the second round

POINT-TO-POINT

## Fantus keeps Festival on agenda

FARTUS was beaten at the United Services meeting on Saturday, but his trainer remains upbeat about the horse's future. An ambitious plan to land a Cheltenham Festival and Aintree double with the ten-year-old seemed doomed as he pulled up "very leg weary" in second behind stablemate Brackenfield.

Off the course for nearly two years, Fantus has been a challenge to trainer Richard Barber, who briefly thought his horse had broken down. "He did the same on his first run two seasons ago," Barber said yesterday. "Basically he is a big horse and he was shattered. Today he is 100 per cent. I will talk to his owner today, but I expect the plan is as before."

Tim Mitchell put the Fantus disappointment behind him and rode a double at the meeting. With seven wins he was two ahead of reigning national champion lamie Jukes on Saturday night after the Welshman had completed a treble at the Vale Of Clettwr. Reg Wilkins saddled Dou-ble Thriller to win a division of the restricted at the South

Pool Harriers meeting. Ron

Treloggen was badly bruised by a fall in the previous race. but Double Thriller was hardly handicapped by the substitution of Joe Tizzard. He also gave a very cool exhibition on The Bounder, who turned the men's open into a procession and could now go for Chelten-

ham's hunter chase. Also in double form at the meeting was Martin Pipe's assistant Ashley Farrant.

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## Ronald Gribble samples the thrills and spills of a skiing course in the French Alps for late starters

Hands, skis and boomps-a-daisy

he first sight that caught my eye as our coach climbed the Gervais ski region in the French Alps was a sleek white Citroën ambulance speeding down the mountain, its blue

light flashing.

Another bad omen, I thought. On the previous two weekends during lessons on my local dry ski slope, two people had been injured: one twisted a knee and the other fractured a wrist.
I had booked a week's

beginner's ski course for grown-ups, where I could take my tumbles in mature company, away from the laughing eyes of twentysomethings half my age, and in the hope of achieving a longstanding ambition: to ski the slopes and be able to bluff my way through those after-dinner skiing holi-

day conversations. Our hotel, La Belle Etoile, in Le Bettex, was in a magnificent setting at the foot of Mont Blanc, with a nursery slope and ski lift outside the front door. We were fitted with our boots and skis in the hotel's ski workshop that Saturday evening and met at the door by our French instructors first thing next morning. We were a motley party of

20 men and women aged from about 30 to a spritely 76 and divided into three groups: beginners, intermediates and advanced intermediates.

They say that everyone fails in love with their ski instructor. Marielle was a pretty. bronzed brunette with an in-fectious smile and dressed in a bright red skisuit, "Rern, benz zee knees," she would purr. wagging a finger when I did not follow her instructions and ended up in a pile of snow.

She taught us to keep our balance by leaning forward in our ski boots, great hulks of plastic padded with foam, with fierce snap fasteners, that felt, at first, like lead weights.

The skiing position is very simple. Your natural instinct, however, is to stand in a stiff. semi-sitting position, bottom stuck out, when, in fact, you should adopt a relaxed standing position, arms forward, with the knees slightly bent.

Marielle had a good sense of humour. She needed it. No sooner had she picked one of us up, than another fell down: me?" she would scold, flashing her big brown eyes. "Stop looking at your skis. Look where you are going. You are a danjure on the slopes."

I took extra advice from the 76-year-old in our party, a veteran skier, who had made his first pair of skis out of wood as a boy in the Thirties: "Fix a point with your eyes and almost throw yourself at it," he said. "If you are leaning forward, you can't fall over. If you lean back, your skis will slide from under you."

The writer with

instructor Marielle

who did her best

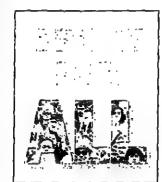
to teach him to ski

He was right, of course, but if my speed became too fast and I lost my nerve, my instinct was to sit down. Marielle persevered. She taught us how to do snow

ploughs by stretching the legs wide apart and holding the skis in a triangular position with the tips almost touching at the front to slow our speed. On the Monday we mas-tered the button lift, a long pole with a plate-sized seat that you put between your legs to allow yourself to be dragged up slopes with your skis sliding along in the snow.

Marielle took us to an almost deserted valley where we learnt to do slow parallel turns - "\$" shaped loops in the snow. She showed us how to turn by putting our weight on our downhill ski and sliding our other ski ln the direction we wanted to go, transferring our weight to make the turn.

Over our lunchtime source



came the news that Grace, one of the advanced intermediates. had broken a leg in the mountains and was being brought down by sledge. The ambulance stopped at the hotel on the way to hospital to collect her insurance details. We all remembered to take our insurance cards the next time we went out on the slopes.

When a knee started to hurt later that afternoon I decided to call it a day and return to the hotel for a hot bath - an instant cure, I discovered, for twisted limbs, tired muscles, arbes and bruises Even after ski school, when

we practised alone. Marielle kept an eye on us from afar, pointing out any bad habits. Deneez," she shouted one afternoon to Dennis, a member of our party: "You 'ave your boots on the wrong feet!" télécabine, a small cable car, to the Avenue du Mont D'Arbois and skied down a green (easy) piste. Easy for experienced skiers, perhaps, but for us it was like descending Everest. At one stage we skied into thick mist and my spectacles

> back to the hotel. "Take that green piste signposted St Gervais, It's

steamed up. There was a sheer drop on one side, but we got down without mishap. That evening we heard that Grace had had a plate fitted in her leg and would be in hospital for the rest of the week.

On the Wednesday, as I travelled up a mountain on a rather jerky button lift. I stopped concentrating for a split second halfway up to admire the view and fell off. Scaling a steep slope in skisuit, ski boots and hot sunshine is no loke and I arrived at the top in a lather. I never fell off a outton lift again.

We beginners progressed at varying speeds. When Jenny and Pam began to lose their confidence on the higher slopes Marielle gave them personal tuition. Meanwhile, Steve and Julian, the thirtysomethings, seemed to be get-

ting very daring.

The sensation of skiing downhill on my first steep run was terrifyingly thrilling. Schussing — skiing in a straight line — makes you pick up speed and I was never quite sure whether I was completely in control and going to get out

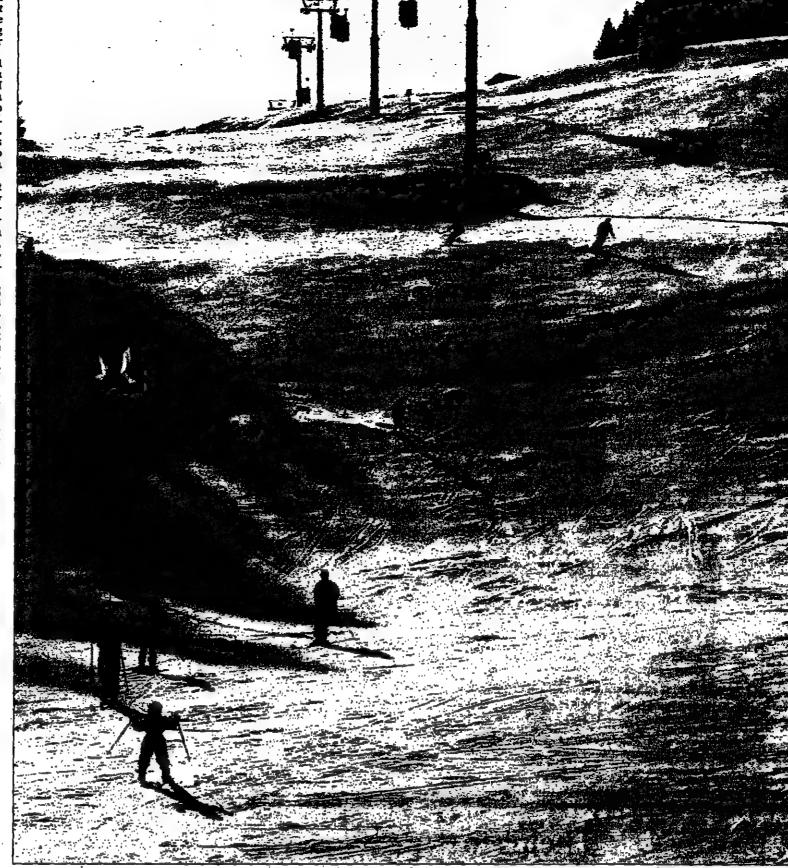
Thursday was a bad day. Pam and Jenny quit halfway through the morning lesson when Marielle informed us that we were to ski back to the hotel via a rather icy blue (harder) run. I careered off the piste and ended up in soft snow with my ski stick buried up to its handle. We were told later that a skier on a black run (the hardest) had died that afternoon when he hit a tree. My injuries amounted to a bruised hip and cibow.

At dinner we heard that Grace's handsome French ski instructor had made three visits to see her in the hospital. Could this be her lucky break?

Dennis shot off the piste, crashed down an embankment on to the edge of a forest and disappeared under a large fir tree. Marielle looked pale as she raced to his rescue, "Deneez, Deneez, are you OK?," she called into the foliage. "Let me count everything and I'll let you know," he replied, splitting twigs and leaves from his mouth.

I decided to make the most of the last afternoon and took Mont Joux where I could take a button lift and practise skiing down a long piste over and over again. I was enjoying myself when I was overtaken by a rescue team with an injured skier on a stretcher. They stopped on a ridge and radioed for a helicopter. By the time the drama was over it was too late to get the cable car

easy," said a Frenchman stationed at a first-aid hut. Half



Cable cars glide above skiers on the slopes at Le Better. "I was never quite sure whether I was completely in control and going to get out of it alive"

an hour and a couple of tumbles later I could see the rooftops of Le Better below. Two pistes seemed to merge and I found myself on a steep run with a slalom banner across the finishing line.

"I was just about to put my boots on and come to look for you," said Dick, our holiday rep, rather worried. "You're the last back," I explained about the helicopter rescue and my route back. "I hear that you are partially colour blind," Dick said. "That last part was a red [difficult] run."

When I got home, my father phoned to make sure I had returned in one piece. "Skiing sounds a bit risky to me," he said. "By the way, I've got feil over on a business trip while you were away and broke his arm in two places."

 The author travelled with HF Holidays, Imperial London, NW9 5AL (brochure 0181-905 9388, reservations 0181-905 9558). It is running ski courses for beginners at Le Bettex from March 8. The cost for half-board, skis, boots, ski school and ski

#### SKATIPS

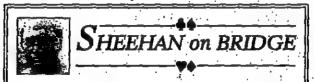
GO to a local dry ski slope to learn the basics. Private tuition costs about £25 an hour. Group lessons are cheaper and more fun. TAKE a ski jacket

and salopettes. Sepa-rates are better than a skisuit because you can you get hot. Ski gloves are a must. A bobble hat is useful. Thermals are optional. Cotton polo neck jumpers and sweatshirts can be

■ TAKE sumblock for your face and lips. Take sunglasses. Goggles can steam up. TAKE a first-aid

kit. Compeed skin repair plasters are recommended in case boots rub and for blisters. TAKE a burn bag

to carry essential money, suncream and your insurance card.



#### By Robert Shrehan, bridge correspondent

When a competent defender voluntarily offers declarer an alternative line of play which would not otherwise be available, it is unlikely to be a winning line. This is a case in point, from the EBU Northern Pairs in Risley.

North-South game . Matchpointed pairs

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West (Tom Townsend) led two top diamonds, and East played the two and five, show-ing an odd number. Had West was somewhat insulting to switched, declarer would have

had no choice but to draw

trumps, making eleven tricks

when spades turned out to be

Dealer South

Despairing of the defence's chances of a trick in the black suits. West continued with a third diamond. This gave declarer the losing option of ruffing with dummy's jack of hearts, offloading his poten-tially losing third spade from hand. A priori, a 3-1 or 4-0 spade break is much more likely than a 4-1 or 5-0 heart break: approximately 59 per cent against 32 per cent. On this reasoning declarer greedily accepted the ruff-and-dis-

trick in trumps, and give the

ENGASTRIMYTH

b. A ventriloquist

c. A stomach ulcer

a. A mythical monster

defence a vital third trick (every trick is vital matchpointed pairs).

Declarer's choice of play

West, as well as unsuccessful. Seeing potential for a spade trick, but no prospects in trumps, West would hardly have been co-operative en-ough to play a third diamond. David Muller organises an Under-19's bridge club at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. Activities include Duplicate Bridge Pairs, Minibridge Pairs, and supervised practice. The next meetings are on February 23 and March 15. Details: D Muller on 0181-952 2936; Young Chelsea Bridge Club on 0171-373 1665. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on hridge Monday to Friday in

section on Saturday.

#### A SERIE WATER HE STATE OF

#### By Philip Howard

PIS ALLER FUGLEMAN . a. A drill sergeant a. An ant b. A makeshift b. The rearguard c. An alley for boules A backgammon piece

TURDIFORM a. The bottom class b. Like a thrush c. An irregular tetragon

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#### BY RATMOND KEENE CREES CORREST ONDENT

## Polgar's reverse

Judit Polgar, the chess prodigy from Budapest, amazed the chess community by sweeping into an early lead in the supertournament in Linares in Spain. Amongst her victims was Vassily Ivanchuk, ranked in the world's top six and. considered by many as a potential future world champion. Nevertheless, as we saw last week, Polgar, playing with the traditionally disadvantageous black pieces, smashed (vanchuk's resisance in a mere 19 moves.

The first setback for Polgar came in the seventh round. when she had to face Vladimir Kramnik, the highly talented Russian grandmaster. Al-though she appeared to emerge from the opening with a more than satisfactory position, with two highly mobile central pawns, she overplayed her hand and allowed Kramnik to transpose into a winning endgame. White: Vladimir Kramnik

Black: Judit Polgar Linares, February 1997

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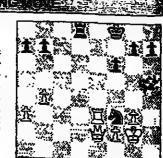
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#### By Raymond Keene

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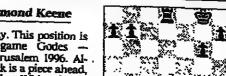
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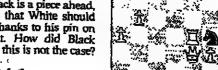
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## Appeal right does not affect judicial review

Regina v Hereford Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Rowlands Regina v Same, Ex parte

Ingram Regina v Harrow Youth Court, Ex parte Prussia Before Lord Bingham of Combill. Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice

(Judgment February 10) The existence of a right of appeal to the crown court did not preclude a person convicted of offences by the magistrates' court from seeking relief by way of judicial review procedural impropriety, unfairness or bias.

The Divisional Court so stated I Granting applications by Tracy judicial review of (a) refusals by Hereford justices on March 7 and enable two defence witnesses to give evidence and (b) their convicns on March & the court

> 2 Refusing Gary Prussia's applica-tion for judicial review of (a) the refusal by Harrow Youth Court of an application that he be entitled at his trial to sit in the well of the court rather than the dock and to disqualify themselves from bearing the case, and (b) his conviction.

quashed the convictions and remit-

In the first two applications, the applicants sought an adjournment o enable two independent witnesses who were critical to the defence to attend to give evidence For a number of reaso had previously been adjourned three times and the justices, decling the fresh application, pro-eded to trial and conviction. The

applicants claimed unfairness. in the third case the applic who was on bail in respect of other more serious charges, appeared on certain charges in the youth court where he was placed in the dock lianked by custody officers.

On the case being adjourned, his counsel, having informed the jusdoes of the more serious charges, unsuccessfully sought an order binding any subsequent bench (1) that the applicant should not sit in the dock so that the bench would not know of the outstanding charges and (ii) disqualifying that bench from hearing the case. The applicant challenged the refusals on the ground that there was a real danger of bias resulting from his nce in the dock and disclo-

gsure of the other charges. Mr Ian Glen, QC and Mr Kerry Barker for Miss Rowlands and Mr Ingram; Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr Paul Bowen for Prussia; Mr Peter Clarke for the prosecution; the justices did not appear and were not represented. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court.

said that common to each applica-tion was a question of considerable legal and practical significance concerning the use of Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to challenge on the grounds of procedural impropriety, unfairness or bias decisions of magistrates where the applicant had a right to retrial, or would have had such a right had he exercised it in time, in

the crown court. The question was promoted by Rv Peterborough Magistrates' Court, Exparte Dowler (The Times May 24, 1996; [1996] 2 Cr App R that case was rightly decided on the findings the court there made, the present applicants criticised rationale of the decision and the practical quidance it was stood to have given.

Magistrates' courts were the system in England and Wales, handling the vast majority of criminal cases and for most citizens representing the face of crim-

Given their central role it was of obvious importance that they should so far as possible interpre and apply the law correctly and reach sound factual decisions. His Lordship referred to the two rights of appeal conferred by

By section 108 of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980, to the crown court gainst conviction of sentence, where the right of appeal was to be exercised by the defendant within 2) days, the appeal being by way of a full retrial before a crown court judge sitting with justices, at which burden of proof lying on the prosecution, and the case being determined on the material presented in the crown court. That was the ordinary avenue of appeal for a defendant who compla that the magistrates' court had reached a wrong decision of fact or

of mixed fact and law. 2 By section III of the 1980 Act, by way of case stated to the High Court whereby any party to the proceedings before the mag-istrates' court who was aggrieved by a conviction, order, determination or other proceeding of the court might question it on the ground that it was wrong in law or excess of jurisdiction. The right was to be exercised within 21 days. and on the making of such an application, the applicant's right to appeal to the crown court ceas That was the ordinary avenue of appeal for a convicted defendant who contended that the justices

had erred in law. It was clear from authority that if a magistrates' court convic defendant after radically departing from well known principles of justice and procedure the defen-dant might challenge his conviction as wrong in law by way of case

[1957] | WLR 250; R v Wands worth Justices. Ex parte Read

([1942] | KB 281). For most of the present century at least, certiorari had proved the usual if not invariable means of pursuing challenges based on unfairness, bias or procedural irregu-larity in magistrates' courts. The

cases showing that were legion. In a number of cases, of which some were cited in Donder, the courts had stated that a remedy by way of judicial review should not be granted where an alternative remedy existed. An applicant was expected to exhaust all other remedies open to him before seeking judicial review; otherwise the court might deny relief in the

The submission that defendants ning of unfairness and procedural irregularity should ex-haust their appellate right in the crown court before seeking relief under Order 53 was rejected in R v kinson (1990) i WLR 692) and R v Bristol Magistrates' Court. Exparte Rowles (1904) RTR 40.
In Dowler the court in refusing

relief made plain that it regarded the application for judicial review as made with the ulterior purpose of procuring such delay as would lead to the dropping of the prosecu-tion. In practice the case had been treated as authority for denying relief by way of judicial review even in cases where no appeal to the crown court was pending and the applicant was not accur seeking to procure delay for ul-

The court had held, first, that there was no principle or authority entitled to more than one fai while different considerations might apply to domestic and other specialist tribunals, the court re-lied on observations of Lord Wilberforce in Calvin v Carr ([1980] AC 574, 593). There were three objections to

that reasoning:

1 Parliament had expressly conferred a right to retrial in the crown court following trial before justices and in doing so had to be taken to have intended that there should be two trials not vitiated by unfairness or procedural

unfairness or procedural irregu-larity in the magistrates court pursued his appeal, as he was strictly entitled to do, by way of case stated he would, if successful obtain two fair trials. The ordinary result would be the quashing of the unfair conviction and an order for retrial before the justices. If he were again convicted he still had his right to a retrial in the crown

Carr was not supportive of the decision in Dowler. The observa-

proceedings. The breard was not dealing with cases in which a criminal penalty had been imfollowing an unfair

In the Brudford Justices case the court was plainly right to regard a party's right to fairness as stronger criminal proceedings in the magistrates' courts than in administrative ur domestic tribunals.

The court in Dowler had relied on R v Barnes, Ex parte Lord Vernon ((1910) 102 LT 860) and R v Mid-Worcestershire Justices, Ex parte Hart (1989 COD 347) where the right of appeal to quarter sessions or the crown court was treated as a ground for denying dicial review. However, both cases were unusual on their facts and could have no application where a defendant had not apled to the crown court. Even where he had, it was always a question of discretion whether indicial review were granted.

In Descler the court had pointed out that if a defendant wished to allenge his conviction by jus dural unfairness he should do so by appeal under section 108, an under section 111, since on the latter route he would lose his right of appeal to the crown

But if, contrary to the prevailing practice, he raised a complaint of

case stated, he might, if successful, obtain a fair retrial before the justices, with a further right of appeal to the crown court.

Further, if the delendant appealed to the crown court, while he would obtain a fair trial, he would not obtain redress for the unfairness in the magistrates' court of which he complained, since the crown court had no supervisory purisdiction over the conduct of magistrales' courts.

it was not doubted that Dowler was correctly decided but the decision was not to be treated as authority that a party complaining of procedural unfairness or bias in the magistrates court should be denied leave to move for judicial review and left to whatever rights he might have in the crown court. So to hold would be to emasculate the long established supervisory jurisdiction of the

Divisional Court over magistrates courts, which had over the years proved an invaluable guarantee of the integrity of proceedings in The crucial role of the mag-Istrates' courts made it the more important that that jurisdiction should be retained with a view to

Two nates of caution should be

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viations from best principles would not have that effect and the court should be respectful of discretionary decisions of mag-istrates' courts as of all other courts. The Divisional Court should be slow to intervene, and shalld do so only where good, or arguably good grounds

anticipate them all

articularly if unexe ensuring that high standards of fairness and impartiality were

I Leave to move should not be granted unless the applicant adcomplaint which, if made good, might arguably be held to vitiate

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2 The decision whether to grant relief by way of judicial review was a discretionary one. Many factors might properly influence the exerase of diexerion and it would be ioolish and impossible to seek to

The need for the applicant to make full disclosure of all matters relevant to the exercise of diserction should require no empha-sis. However, the existence of a right of appeal to the crown court, and ordinarily weigh against the grant of leave to move, or of substantive relief in a proper case. Solicitors: Beaumonts, Her-eford: Lambe Corner & Co, Her-

## Limitation period in insolvency

Moore and Another v Gadd and Another Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Potter

irregularity.
2 if a defendant complaining of

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Gadd: Mr Nigel Davis, QC and Mr Michael McParland for Mrs.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-Undgment February 5 Proceedings brought under section

214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 for a declaration that a director knew or ought to have concluded that there was no reasonable prospect that a company would avoid going into insolvent liquidation and that he should make a contribution to the assets of the company, were occedings to recover any sum coverable by virtue of any enactment" and the six-year limitation riod laid down in section 9(1) of the Limitation Act 1980 applied as no other period of limitation was prescribed by section 214 so as to satisfy section 39 of the Limitation

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the liq-uidators from a decision of Mr Justice Blackburn to strike out for want of prosecution proceedings brought under section 214 against Mr Richard Gadd and Mrs Ada Gadd, sole directors of Parmizer

Mr David Oliver, QC for the liquidators, Mr Nigel Davis, QC and Mis Surah Harman for the Mr

SON said that the first question was whether the phrase in the course of the winding up of a company" in section 214 was "a ried of limitation ... prescribed ny or under any other enactment the purposes of section 39 of the

Limitation Act 1980. The first thing to note was that the words used in section 2(4)) were in a form markedly dis lar to periods of limitation found prescribed in the 1980 Act or in any other enactment prescribing periods of limitation.

Such provisions stated expressly and directly that proceedings of a specified description should not be brought after a specified period from a specified point of the prescribing of the period of limita-tion left one in no doubt that it was directed to the limitation of the nt of actions.

The words "If in the course of the winding up of a company it appears" had to mean if it appeared to the court. They governed the period of jurisdiction of the court to make an order and were not expressed to govern the ncement of proceedings Second, the same phrase was to

be found in sections 212, 213 and 214 of the 1986 Act. In the case of tection 212 the phrase could not amount to the prescribing of a period of limitation: see In re Lands Allotment Co (1894) I Ch

ignificance for section 212 in which it also appeared.

from examination of the statutory provisions, that section 214 of a sum of money which the court declared the delinquent respondent liable to contribute to the His Lordship had no difficulty in holding that section 9(i) was the applicable provision of the 1980

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Potter agreed. Solicitors: Dibb Lupton Sprecher Bruomhead; Spreed Edward Lewis & Co.

(i) ... a person who intentionally intercepts a communication . . . by means of a public telecommunic tion system shall be guilty of an of an offence under this section if:
(a) the communication is inter-cepted in obedience to a warrant

under section 2 ... or (b) that person has reasonable grounds for It would be surprising if the or the person by whom, the communication is sent has consame introductory phrase was intended by Parliament to have sented to the interception. such significance for limitation ses in respect of section 213 and 214 when it was well established that it could have no such proceedings before any court or iribunal no evidence shall be adduced and no question in crossexamination shall be asked which

His Lordship also concluded, that an offence under section above has been or is to be occedings were for the recovery committed by any of the persons or (b) that a warrant has been or is to be issued to any of those assets of the company. That did not, of course, preclude the liquidator accepting property other than money to satisfy that liability.

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Admissibility of

intercepts

Regina v Rasool

Brian Smedley

Regina v Choudhary

[Judgment February 5]

on the construction of section 9(1) of

the interception of Commun-

ications Act 1985 to be found in the

Court of Appeal's judgment in R v Effik ((1992) 95 Cr App R 427).

namely that the section did not

prevent the admission of the product of a telephone intercept to

which the Act applied, was to be

modified by the House of Lord's

AC 130) only to the extent that it

related to a warranted intercept.

Section 9(1)(a) was not by itself

of the substance of a consensual

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved

judgment allowing the appeal of Shafqat Rasool and dismussing the appeal of Nassir Choudhary

inst their convictions on March

1996, at Manchester Crown

Court (Judge Ensur and a jury) of

conspiracy to supply a class A

controlled drug.

Section 1 of the 1985 Act provides:

(2) A person shall not be guilty

issued by the secretary of state

ieving that the person to whom.

Section 9 provides: "II) In any

(in either case) tends to suggest: (a)

nentioned in subsection (2) below;

Mr Roger Backhouse, QC, as-

signed by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, and Mr Arthur Blake for Rasooi; Mr Shaun

Spencer, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for

choudhary; Mr Bernard Lever for

LORD JUSTICE STUART-

SMITH said that the principal

ground of Mr Choudhary's appeal related to the admissibility of a

judgment in R v Presion (1994) 2

Mr Spencer argued that the trial judge was wrong to reject his submission that the combined effect of sections 1 and 9 of the 1985 Act was such as to render the substance of the conversation inadmissible, in the light of the judgments in the House of Lords Preston, which overruled the Court of Appeal's judgment in Effik. Effik also went on appeal to the House of Lords, the Court of Appeal's decision being upheld but

record of a telephone conversation

on different grounds. It seemed to their Lordships that the reason why the Court of Appeal's judgment in Effik was overruled was as a result of the combined effect of section 2(2)(b)

and section 6 of the 1985 Act. Lord Mustill had held in Preston that section 2(2)(b), which related to the issuing of a warrant for the purpose of preventing or detecting serious crime, should be narrowly construed as relating only to the first and second stages of fighting crime, namely first forestalling and second seeking out of crimes, not so forestatled, which had already been commined, but did not extend to the prosecution of

On that reading of section 2 there would be no need to make explicit provision for the admis-sibility of materials which by virtue of section 6 would no longer exist, and the purpose of section i could be seen as the protection not of the fruits of the intercepts but of information as to the manner in

which they were authorised and Sections 2 and 6 had no application in the present case where the interception was consensual and indeed apart from sections 1 and

9(1)(a) all the other main provisions of the Act were solely concerned with the issue of warrants Accordingly, where the intercep tion was consensual, section ((i)(a) prevent admissibility of the sub-

tance of such an in Furthermore since it was irrele vant to the question of admissibil ity of the evidence whether as ence had been committed in the obtaining of it, no proper question could in any event be asked in cross-examination to seek to establish that an offence had been committed. The appeal of Choudhary was therefore

Rasool's appeal was allowed on Solicitors: Malik Adams.

Manchester, Crown Prosecution

THE ELECTIMES

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personal conscience and guilt. SHOWCASE (6.30-7pm): Birmingham: Erdington: Bristof. Avon Meads; Coventry: Cross Point; Glasgow. Showcase Leisure Park Bargeddle; Leeds: Balley, Liverpool: Norris Green, Manchester. Belle Vue; Hottingham: Lemon; Peterborough: Boongate; Reading. Winnersh, Stockion: Teesside Leisure Paric, Walsalt, Bertley Mill Way. WARNER (6-6.30pm): Acton: Royal Celsure Cinema, Cambridge: Grafton Centre, Croydon: Lathams Way, Finchley: Great North Leisure Park, Harrow, St Georges Shopping & Leisure Centre, ODEON (6-6,30pm): London: 40 Leicester Square.

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#### THURSDAY

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#### FRIDAY

Interims: Allied Laisure, VDC, Finals: none acheduled, Eco-nomic statistics: UK CBI indus-trial trands survey, UK provisional GDP (Q4),

#### SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Rolls-Royce, Racal, Smith-Kline Beecham, Dagenham Motors, Bryant, Avoid Kenwood, Dalgety. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Alfred McAlpine Telewest Communications, Thistle Hotels, Jeyes Group. Mail on Sunday: Buy Jardinerie Interiors; Hold Pembertons, Chubb Security: Sell Cairn Energy, British Borneo, West-

The first notable event of the

Treasury Select Committee by Eddie

Bank of England, After last week's

Inflation Report, the current views

of the Bank on inflation and interest

rates are well known, but these

sessions often throw up some inter-

esting nuances. For euro-watchers,

there is also a meeting of European

January figures for public borrow-

ing are published tomorrow. The

finance ministers in Brussels.

British economic week is to-

mount Energy.

while earnings climb 11 per cent, to 37.6p.

The pharmaceutical side will provide the main thrust to those earnings following a strong final quarter in 1996. Sales of Paxil/Seroxat, the anti-depressant treatment,



## Rank in need of fresh impetus

RANK GROUP: Full-year figures on Thursday will come under close scutiny from the market following December's. trading update that forced brokers to downgrade their profit estimates yet again.

it was the nature of the profits warning that upset the City. The group made it clear that there were problems at its. Hard Rock chain of restaurants, which had been seen by many as the driving force for Rank's future earnings growth. The figures under review are unlikely to reveal much improvement in the state of play at Hard Rock. The business has been undergoing a heavy refurbishment programme in the face of

increased compeniion.
Group profits are expected to grow by around 10 per cent. from £272 million to £298 million, while earnings growth is likely to be down 5 per cent, at 22.8p.
Other tasks facing the

group, whose chief executive is Andrew Tears, are the sale of its remaining stake in Rank Xerox and the problem of returning some of the proceeds to shareholders. At the same time, the Rank management must face up to the task of finding a way to grow the rest of the business once the sale of Rank Xerox has been

in the meantime, shareholders will be rewarded with a 5 per cent increase in the payout, from 15.75p to 16.5p

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM: A strong performance by its US pharmaceutical division should provide another useful increase in earnings when the group unveils full-year figures tomorrow. According to NatWest Securities, the broker, they should show pre-tax profits up 15 per cent, from £1.36 billion to £1.56 billion.

and Augmentin, its antibiotic



treatment, will alone account for 36 per cent of total sales. Paxil has been aggressively grabbing market share in the United States, with prescriptions up around 35 per cent in the final three months.

Shareholders are likely to be rewarded by a 10 per cent increase in the payout, to

BARCLAYS: The bank is expected to unveil pre-tax profits of around £2.4 billion tomorrow after another solid performance in 1996 when the shares comfortably outpaced the 11.7 per cent rise in the FT All-Share Index. Analysts at Salomon Brothers have trimmed their profit forecast. albeit modestly, on the assecond half for BZW, the group's investment banking arm, than had previously been assumed.

BZW enjoyed a good first half, chipping in a 23 per cent increase in operating profits to £157 million, on the back of significantly higher trading activities and fee-based businesses. Personnel changes in BZW's fixed income department may also have added to costs. At the half-year stage last August, Barciays surprised the City with a £470 million share buyback after announcing a 15 per cent rise in profits to £1.3 billion. The speculation is that Barclays could have as much as £600 million in hand to repeat the

share buyback exercise this week, or alternatively the money could be used for some other capital management

MEDEVA: The fast-growing pharmaceutical group is likely progress on Wednesday when it unveils full-year figures. They are expected to show pretax profits up £20 million, at £99 million, an increase of 25 per cent. Earnings growth will be a more modest 17 per cent, at 19.3p, while shareholders should enjoy a 20 per cent increase in the payout to 4.8p. Once again the main drive

to profitability will come from Methylphenidate, its treat-ment for attention deficit hy-

lysts are also looking for a revival in sales of lonamin, the anti-obesity treatment, which had been experiencing a slowdown in presecription-related sales during the second half.

Strong sales are also expected from its vaccine division where sales of Fluvirin, its 'flu vaccine, will have been boosted by the withdrawal of an American competitor from the marketplace. Brokers estimate that sales will have grown last year by around 13 per cent, to £25 million. The acquisition of Rochester from Rhone Poulenc Rorer, and the subseuent £65 million provision, should underpin the group's 33 per cent operating margins, Strong growth from Tussionex should support a £32 million first-time sales contribution from Rochester.

SEDGWICK: Full-year figures tomorrow will be over-shadowed by last week's warming from its rival, Willis Corroon, about current trading. The City is looking for the insurance broker to increase pre-tax profits by around £8 million, to £98 million, a rise of almost 10 per cent. But earnings will be down 7 per cent, at 11.9p. reflecting continuing depressed trading. As a result, the dividend is likely to

be pegged at 6.5p.
The market is likely to pay close attention to the January renewal season but rates will probably have remained weak ahhough some increase in brokerage fees is expedited in the current year. But, as NatWest points out, any top-line progress that is likely to have been made will be primarily in lower-margin

WPP: The advertising group is expected to report a rise in pre-tax profits to £150 million in 1996, from £114 million in the previous year. The com-pany, which owns JWT and Ogilvy & Mather, two of the the best-known brands in global advertising, has benefited from strong revenues in America, supported by the US Presidential election and the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

year-on-year growth of 2.6 per cent. In America, the main focus will continue to be prospects for inflation and the markets will be very keen to cent recorded in December. The rise see January's consumer price figures in January would take year on year on Wednesday. Given the strong rise in the dollar, there will also be great interest in US trade figures for December, also on Wednesday.

In Germany interest will centre on

## Scholl takes step towards total control of its brand

By Eric Reguly

SCHOLL the footwear and footcare company, is ready to take the first step in its campaign to take control of the brand outside Europe by acquiring the Scholl operations in Lann America. The company also wants to buy the rights to the Scholl name in

North America. The Latin American purchase is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The business is small - its annual turnover is about \$10 million compared with about £220 million at the British company -- but its owners are expected to demand a relatively high price because the operations are profitable and growing quickly.

Acquiring the Scholl opera-tions in North and South America would give the British company a platform to attack other overseas markets. it would also lead to economies of scale. The three Scholl companies in Europe and in the Americas have no equity links and rarely co-operate with each other. They have been separate entities since 1988, when Schering-Plough, the American pharmaceuricals group, jettisoned Scholl's international operations, but retained the Scholl company in North America.

Stuart Wallis, former chief executive of Fisons who became Scholl's chairman last year, and Colin Brown, chief executive, would not comment on the South American deal. But they confirmed they are keen to take control of the brand around the world.

Mr Wallis has already approached Schering-Plough with proposals to forge trans-Atlantic links between the groups. The ideas floated have included the outright purchase of the US business, which has annual turnover of about \$200 million, and meng-

ing the two groups. Schering's apparent reluctance to accept comes as speculation mounts that SmithKline Beecham, the Anelo-American drugs company, has been mentioned as a possible suitor.

Scholl wants to expand overseas now that a 530 million restructuring it unveiled in September, has been largely completed. The shares have since climbed by about 50 per cent to 300p. The latest restructuring, including the disposal of non-core products such as cosmetics, and the rationalisation of the European warehousing and retailing operations, was triggered in 1995 by the arrival of rebel shareholders.

The UK Active Value Fund said the group was unfocused and mismanaged. The fund invested in Scholl at 178p and now owns about 5 per cent of

## Pilot ready to renew defiance of £48m bid

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

PILOT Investment Trust will this week renew its defence against a hostile £48 million takeover bid by Scottish Value Management's Undervalued Assets Trust (UAT).

UAT is offering seven new shares for nine shares in Pilot, which is managed by Rutherford Asset Management, and 33p for its warrants. UAT said that it had the support of institutions holding 28.8 per cent of Pilot's ordinary shares and 17.4 per cent of its warrants.

Pilot, which invests in fledgling stocks, has languished at the bottom of its sector since its launch four years ago and its shares traded on a 17 per cent discount to net asset value. Its total return on net assets has been just 5.58 per cent.

Colin Mclean, managing director of SVM, said that

Pilot had erred in focusing on companies capitalised under £30 million. The offer gave Pilot shareholders a 5.4 per cent uplift in value and an 8.6 per cent increase in income, he went on. If successful, the bid will boost UAT's assets to £173

The board of Pilot immediately rejected the offer. Peter Webb, investment director at Rutherford, who was recruited from Thornton Asset Management last summer, said that it was opportunistic, is nored recent improved performance and would

vigorousy opposed. However, the bid puts Rutherford in the spotlight. There is speculation that it or its two other trusts, Beacon and Eaglet — could now become takeover targets as

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#### Governors take the stand cent recorded in December. The rise

George and Howard Davies, Gover-MMS International, is for a net nor and Deputy Governor of the . repayment of borrowing or a negative public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) of £3.4 billion. January is a major month for corporation tax receipts. December recorded a PSBR of £2.1 billion. On Wednesday, the minutes of the January monthly monetary meeting are released. It is obvious that the Chancellor refused to raise rates in the face of Bank of England advice to the contrary, but market consensus, as compiled by the markets will still be fascinated to



see whether Mr George pressed for a half-point rise in base rates, as opposed to a quarter, as he threatened to do at the December meeting. Also on Wednesday, January retail sales figures are published. The market consensus is for a modest rise of 0.2 per cent after the fall of 0.8 per

with in sales volumes to 3.8 ne cent, from 28 per cent in December. On Thursday, a raft of bank and

building society lending figures are published for January along with M4 broad money supply. On Friday, revised figures for fourth-quarter gross domestic product are due and are expected to show growth un-changed from preliminary figures at 0.8 per cent in the quarter. This gives

Thursday's Bundesbank council meeting, which should be preceded by the latest Ifo survey, expected to show that export optimism has improved.

JANET BUSH

## Sarah Cunningham on the next supermarket revolution

## Shopping for couch potatoes

Then Supermaraes bosses are not worwars, food safety, loyalty cards and in-store banking, they like to settle down and have a good fret about the fact that many of their customers would rather not visit their stores at all.

Faced with evidence that a lot of people are either disinclined or too busy to go on regular trips to superstores. Tesco and J Sainsbury, the two largest groups, have launched separate trials of home shopping. Satisfied with what they have seen so far, both plan to extend the trials

next month. The Tesco scheme, which allows shoppers to use a catalogue, a CD-Rom or the Internet, was launched at its store in Osterley, West London, and is about to be extended to stores at Hammersmith, Leeds, Romford, Lee Valley and Sumon. The main Sainsbury's trial, which is based on a tailor-made shopping list for each customer, is being run at stores in Watford and Solihull.

It may seem strange for companies that have spent fortunes building superstores around the country to encourage their customers to stay away. The risk was highlighted by a survey published last week by Healey & Baker, the property agents showing that about 16 per cent of the money now spent on groceries - 18 billion a year - could go to home deliveries and "drivethrough stores.

cal: "Even if you are optimis-

tic, it [home shopping] could

take 5 per cent of volume in the.

Ken Towle, who leads the Tesco Direct project, is scepti-

per cent in 20 years." Mr Towle points out that it is now difficult to get planning permission to build new superstores and that many of those built are already overcrowded. "I can't see supermarkets ever being anything other than valuable bits of real estate," he says. Taking a different approach to encouraging reluctant supermarket

m a way that will certainly not damage the value of its real estate. Tesco is plantive trial of allnight opening from Friday morning to Saturday evening. reen Minchell. who heads

shoppers, and

Consumer Direct at Sainsbury's. reckons that the penetration by home shopping could around 20 per cent of households over the next ten years. it is thought that manufac-

turers could develop similar services, cutting out the middle men and stealing super-

market customers. Mr Towle has been surprised by some of the findings of the Osterley trial, which has involved several hundred customers. For example, the presumption that people would only want to order bulk goods next five years and perhaps 10 like tins of pet food, washing

turned out to be true. Fresh food is also popular, and so far most people using the scheme have not tended to go to local shops to top up on fresh produce, dairy products and bread. If this pattern proves to be consistent at the other stores to be included in the trial, it will be had news for the smaller supermarket chains

and for indeshops. Somerfield. the former Gateway, is bourhood' chain that prides itself prides on its fresh and which expects to benefit if people stop auto

matically to superstores to buy all their weekly provi-sions. Under the Tesco trial, about half the people involved have

chosen to use the catalogue. Flanagan's home delivery which con-

tains about 2,500 products, and to phone or fax their orders. The rest have used the more high-tech approaches, which allow them to order from more than 20,000 products. They can either use a CD-Rom caralogue to compile a list and then e-mail it to the store, or they can use the Tesco Direct website. The goods ordered are delivered to customers at

trial is being extended because "we need to know that there is nothing unique or strange about Osterley. We need to understand critical mass and Mr Towle said.

Sainsbury's is also developing, along with Hewlett Packard, a way of allowing people to order from the internet and hopes to extend the trial later this year. It is currently being tested at Hewlett Packard's UK headquarters on its internal system. The problem with the Internet is that it tends to slow down in the afternoon when people in the United States log on. But once the internet becomes available through cable providers, it should become much faster. Sainsbury's has been in-

volved with Flanagan's Supermarket Direct service since October 1995, but it emphasises that it only acts as a supplier to Flanagan's, which delivers the goods to customers in southwest London. For David Sainsbury, chair-

man of the supermarket group, the separate trial it is running in Watford and Solihull is a far more interesting development. Customers can go to those stores with a member of staff and draw up personal shopping lists. They can then order whenever they like from that list and go to the store to pick them up that day at a charge of 12 per time. The key to this is that it is driven by customer needs and the point is to get and keep new customers," Mr Sainsbury said.

Asda and Saleway are not yet experimenting with home shopping, but it is safe to assume that it will not be long.



## Union offers new plan to transform the Post Office

By PHILLP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

transformed into an independent public sector company to give it greater commercial freedom, according to new proposals which are likely to be closely followed if Labour is elected to government.

The plans, which are likely to be welcomed by the Post Office, offer a way forward that is neither the outright privatisation sought by the present Government, nor the Post Office's current full public sector. operation, which senior mangers say is threatening the Post Office's ability to deal with increased competition.

The proposals are also significant in that they come from the Post Office's main trade

many managerial staff that

it is in danger of losing

some of its chances to

exploit an economic up-

turn, according to a new

survey of more than 100

dents believed UK industry

was well placed to exploit a

continuing upturn, al-though 59 per cent said it

Just 47 per cent of respon-

chief executives.

THE Post Office should be union, which only a few months ago was locked in a series of strikes at the Royal Mail, but which is now putting forward measures aimed at forming a consensus on the issue.

The Communication Workers' Union's own green paper on the future of the Post Office puts forward proposals for change to allow it to meet competition from international postal services and technological change.

Alan Johnson and Tony Young, joint general secretar-les of the CWU, claim the Post Office is under-investing, and it needs to be given greater access to capital to push its investment level up from

reasons were the same in

each case: recent cost-cut-

ting initiatives, especially a reduction in staff levels.

had made companies lean

and mean for a future

recession, but so lean that

skills needed to accelerate

their expansion during an

upturn had been lost. The

survey was by Executives

specialises in placing inter-

Cut in jobs threatens

recovery, says survey

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

BRITISH industry has weather a downturn. The

E450 million The union argues that it should be possible for the Post

Office to remain in public ownership and give it greater commercial freedom through a interlocking package of measures. These include:

New legal status. The Post

Office should become a public corporation operating under a Parliamentary charter that would allow it to borrow com-mercially and form joint ventures. The charter would guarantee public service obligations. New borrowing regime. It would be moved outside the framework of the public sector borrowing requirement and would be financially independent of government.

□ New dividends, Instead of handing back money to the Treasury in terms set by ministers, the Post Office should pay dividends to the Government as shareholder, set by the Post Office board in the light of financial performance. If the current regime were to be maintained, though, the cash payment should be set at no more than 40 per cent of pre-tax

New price cap. With new commercial freedom, the union will argue that the monopoly part of the Post Office's activities should be subject to price ☐ New regulation. An indepen-

dent regulator, in the form of a small regulatory panel rather than a single individual, should be established.



Presswork, the manager-owned seatbelts and airbags supplier, has kept its independence through a £10 million re-engineered buyout backed by Gresham Trust. Pictured are (from left) Richard Ingram, of Hewitson Beeke & Shaw, the law firm; Reg White. Presswork managing director; Peter Brooks, of Gresham; and Denis Mullan, of accountant Ernst & Young

## Record profit at Investcorp

BY OUR CITY STAFF

INVESTCORP, the investment bank based in Bahrain that is backing Michael Guthrie in a bid to buy Welcome Break, the motorway servicestation chain, yesterday reported net profits for 1996 of \$90.4 million. This is a new record and a 29 per cent rise on the previous year.

investooro was named at

the weekend as the favourite to win the auction for Welcome Break, expected to fetch more than £400 million. Lazards, the merchant bank, is handling the sale on behalf of Granada, which acquired the

ket speculation", suggesting it was premature to claim that it had secured the Welcome Break deal. Others suggested that Lazards may negotiate for another two weeks before

brief to establish a "casual dining" business. However, it is understood that his interest in Welcome Break is separate from his part-time role at

Queensborough. Other Welcome Break bid-

#### Growth in industry pay stays at 3.1%

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

PAY awards in manufac turing industry are flat, according to a report from the Confederation of British Industry. The CBI databank showed awards in the sector provisionally averaged 3.1 per cent for the three months ending De-cember 31, unchanged from the three months to September and down from 3.7 per cent for the same period in

The Government is likely to welcome the figure as a strong indication of sub-dued inflationary pres-sures. One-third of manu-facturers said their inability to raise prices was keeping down pay awards. Just under 25 per cent said low profits were restraining deals struck, while 20 per cent cited a low rise in the cost of living.

in the service sector, pay awards increased slightly, provisionally averaging 3.8 per cent in the three months December compared with 3.6 per cent in the previous quarter to the end of September and 3.4 per cent in the corresponding

period a year ago.

Managers are split over the effectiveness of performance related pay, a new survey showed today. More than one-third believe rewarding employees based on performance is not effective. Almost balf of the

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## Alpha Omikron ejection threat

ALPHA OMIKRON, a Berof sportswear and medical supplies, is on course to become the second company to be ejected from the Alternative Investment Market.

The company, which joined AIM a little more than a year ago, has so far failed to find a replacement for Henderson signed as its nominated adviser. If it fails to name a successor within a month, its shares will be suspended and eventually removed from the

exchange.
It is the fourth company to be left without an adviser. Its predecessors include Firecrest, the marketing to Internet concern that was removed from AIM last year. and Greenhills, the restaraunt developer that fell into administration two months ago.

Henderson's exit comes as



Trocadero's share price fell 17 per cent over the week

review of nominated advisers. The 60 City firms who have been vetted to work with AIM companies are judged on the quality of the companies they bring to the market.

Those found lacking in this can be censured or banned

the closing interviews in its. The results of the review are not expected to be known until the autumn.

The market, meanwhile, has reached record levels of activity, according to marketmakers at Winterflood Securities. Stephen Roberts, an AIM dealer, said that while the FTthe Stock Exchange conducts from working on the market. SE AIM index had cooled off

spread between AIM's 265 Mr Roberts said: "We are

mand was much more even

eeing demand right across the board, not just restricted to the largest companies." He added that the index was climbing in spite of the poor performance of Trocadero. one of AlM's three largest stocks, which takes up some 5 per cent of the ALM, index.

Trocadero, which is valned at £184 million, saw its shares fail 17 per cent to 3512p over the week. It has suffered from fears about the prospecis of Sega World, its multimillion-pound amusement ceatre.

The index, which started at 1,000 in January last year, eased 7.4 points to 1,128.70 over the week, just below last May's high of 1,140.40.

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(b) A makeshift. Something that will do for lack of anything better. From the French pis worse and aller to go. There is no relation to pismire, which is an ant. And pismire has no relation to pismant, not a rude term of contempt, but in fact a variant of puissant high and mighty. ENGASTRIMYTH

(b) A ventriloquist. From the Greek for "speaking words in the stomach".

Alternatively, a tail story about how many Penguin biscuits you ate last night while sitting up to watch the Super Bowl. "And what would dear spoil! little Louisa like Munning and Daddy to hire for her birthday party? A prestidigitator or an engost FUGLEMAQN

(a) A drill-sergeant or other soldier who stands in front of a body of drilling soldiers so that they can follow his lead through the movements. Hence, any front-man, spokesperson or leader who cans a dash and compels members of an organisation to dence to his tupe. For example, the Chair of your local school Ladies' Auxiliary Group. Except she might be insist on being a fugleperson. TURDIFORM

(b) Like a thrush in shape. The thrush is a bird of the family Turchidae. Oh, I do admire your new hair style, Belinda, it makes your head look.

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## Apple updates laptop

Apple Computer, the trou-bled US manufacturer, tounveils a new PowerBook laptop, updat-Power Macintosh desktop computers, new digital camera and a laptop for children.

The products are part of Apple's three-year plan to increase sales. It said that its new PowerBook 3400. priced from \$4,500 to \$6,500, is one of the fastest laptops ever built and features the speedy PowerPC 603e microprocessor, a built-in modern and fourspeaker sound

Apple also will unveil updated models in its Power Macintosh computers aimed at business usand desktop publishers. For the education market, it will intro-duce the eMate 300, a laptop based on its handheld Newton computer. The company will also put on show the QuickTake 200, a \$600 digital camera that records photographs in computer memory.

#### Care campaign

Christian Action Research & Education (Care), an action group campaigning for family rights, is lobby-ing Parliament for an increase in the married couple's allowance, which it claims has decreased substantially in real terms. Care points out that in the last Budget the personal allowance was increased by £200 more than inflation, while the married couple's allowance was increased in line with inflation. It wants the increase

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Motor insurance premiums rose by an average 5 to 10 per cent in 1996 and are set to rise by the same amount again this year, according to Touchline Insurance, It says insurers have been gradually increasing premiums using specialist underwriting techniques and accurate risk-profiling

#### Athletic Grade

Michael Grade, newly appointed chairman of First Leisure, is joining the board of Charlton Athletic Football Club as non-executive director. He is described as a lifelong supporter. Charlton is to seek a listing on the Alter native Investment Market and expects to raise £6 million to fund the redevelopment of its Valley stadium in London.

#### Airlines link

Air UK and KLM, the Dutch airline, are to combine sales and marketing operations in Britain. The joint venture, fully opera-tional from April I, will have an annual turnover of about £400 million. Air UK and KLM have a total of 69 flights a day from 18 UK airports to Amsterdam, connecting to more than 150 cities via Amsterdam's Schiphol airport on the KLM network.



Jon Foulds and Mike Blackburn are hoping to see a good turnout from Halifax members at next week's special meeting at the Sheffield Arena

## Halifax pleased with response of members in conversion vote

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

the shares could be worth more if the housing market balances, either November 25. Halifax will begin mailing qualifying members next continues to be buoyant. "At present, Abbey National shares have been in demand month with details of its share-dealing service. Up to 20 per cent of members are expected to sell their shares. because the market is buying them as a proxy for converting societies, since Abbey was the first building society to conworth an average £1,300, on the first day of trading. Shares vert in 1989," he said.

Gary Marsh, assistant gen-eral manager of the Halifax, will be priced at between 390p Rob Thomas, building society analyst with UBS, believes said more details about the share-dealing service would

be sent to members next month. They will be asked whether they want to sell or keep shares by ticking a box. Free dealing will be avail-able for a limited period. although only members who wish to buy shares will be able to do so by telephone. Those

who wish to sell via the Halifax dealing service will have to use the postal service. is on course to float by July 7,

US legal threat to swap contracts

of the conversion. Some 70 per cent of investing members who were entitled to vote did so, and, of these, 95 per cent backed the proposals.

The society is expected to have a market capitalisation of £3 billion. The 2.57 million qualifying members will get payouts worth an average £1,200. The basic distribution between 175p and 200p.

exacerbating the downurn.

A potentially greater danger is the "Europeanising" of labour markets across the EMU area. Professor Currie says that after last week's vote in favour a plausible nightmare could be

> conditions of high unemploysocial chapter evolves in a way consistent with labour market

There is a risk of erratic policy changes in the longer-term when conflicts arise between national representatives on the European Central Bank and member state governments. The EU may fail to address the issue of enlargement of the union to the East, which Professor Currie says is perhaps the greater strategic challenge facing Europe at the present time. He argues that preoccu-

to the design of the ECB, the euro countries are likely to enjoy low and stable inflation.

## EMU success or failure is in the balance

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE pros and cons of going forward with Economic and Monetary Union are too finely balanced to conclude that the project will either condemn Europe to failure or guarantee its success, a report published by The Economic Intelligence Unit today concludes.

in a detailed analysis of arguments for and against EMU, author Professor David Currie of the London Business School outlines four major threats:

Despite the attempts of the Maastricht treaty and the getary discipline, there is a possibility that government debt levels throughout the EMU area will remain high. This could keep interest rates high for all countries and inhibit investment and growth. Governments could be compelled to raise taxes or cut spending as the economy moves into recession, thus

brought about by "greater and more harmonised regulation of Europe's labour markets through the strengthening and ossification of the EU's social chapter". He argues that, in ment, it is necessary that the

flexibility. The euro itself could prove a volatile, if not a weak currency.

pation with EMU is delaying attention to this issue. Professor Currie also details some of the major potential gains from a successful EMU:

Because of the attention paid The drawback is that governments lose the ability to respond to economic circumstances by changing their own interest rates or letting their currencies depreciate.

☐ The single market could be reborn as the single currency removes the costs and uncertainties of intra-European

☐ The euro would strengthen competitive pressures in the banking industry, potentially lowering prices and giving

□ Opportunities for investment funds would increase as pension funds and insurance companies, for example, spread their portfolios beyond their own domestic frontiers.

#### **Barclays** set for buyback

BARCLAYS is widely expected to launch another buyback of shares tomorrow when the banking group reports full-year pre-tax profits of about £2.4 billion.

With its last three results announcements, Barclays has stemmed the build-up of surplus capital by buy-ing back a total of almost £1 billion of shares. It spent just over £300 million after last February's results, and a further £470 million last August Analysts with Salo-mon Brothers expect Barclays to spend £650

million on buybacks this year. The first instalment is likely to come tomorrow. Some have forecast Bar clays to have made £2.5 billion last year, putting it on a par with Lloyds TSB, which began the bank re-

porting season on Friday. However, Barciays de Zoete Wedd, the investment banking arm, looks set to disappoint. Costs are thought to have risen sharply and dealing income to have been dull.

#### an important date for members who have more than £1,000 in more advantageous exchange lions of pounds of swap contracts, otherwise there is a their accounts on November and interest rates.

BILLIONS of pounds of swap contracts could be under threat unless US law is amended to take account of European Monetary Union. Under swap deals, different securities are exchanged to get

1994, or February 24, 1997.

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ture in Albany in the next few It needs to have the law in place in order to alter the master agreements that gov-

ern more than 90 per cent of the world's hundreds of bildanger that swap deals involving European currencies and written under US law might become invalid after 1999

However the ISDA is encountering problems because of the complexity of the change in the law, and the concern that a poorly worded law could leave loopholes under which people who suffer as the The majority of swap deals

result of swap contracts could sue the other side of the deal. are covered by either UK or US law. The UK deals do not have a problem because of a change to the Treaty of Rome

agreed in December which ensures continuity of contract for deals struck in individual European currencies unce they combine to form the

The securities markets are concerned that EMU will cost them heavily and bring a big fall in business. Other legal problems could hit over £50 hillion of bonds issued in Ecu before 1992, when the Maastricht treaty was signed.

## Windfall Bill makes progress



French: sharing the spoils

ELDERLY widows and dis-

abled people came a step nearer to inclusion in building society windfall shareouts after the Commons success of a Private Member's Bill.

The draft Building Societies Bill, piloted by Douglas French, Conservative MP for Gloucester, will receive its first reading in the Lords today, followed by a second debate on February 28.

if successful, it would restore the rights of the elderly and disabled to share in the spoils of converting societies. Most have been excluded because they are not the first named on the account, and

societies have consistently claimed that only first-named account holders are members. Last August The Times exposed the plight of residents in nursing homes, hospitals and hostels who were unable to operate their own building society accounts and missed

Mr French said: "There is now a strong possibility that this Bill could go on the statute book, although it will not be retrospective. However, if it does become law, it will be difficult for societies which converted this year to continue to ignore the plight of members they have excluded.

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The Bank of England ar-

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By MARIANNE CURPHEY

MILLIONS of Halifax mem-

bers are expected to have cast

their vote in favour of the

building society's conversion

into a bank by close of

It is the culmination of a

huge advertising campaign aimed at reminding Halifax's

eight million customers to

return their voting forms. The Halifax has declined to give details of the way the voting

has gone, but management has pronounced it is pleased

Jon Foulds, chairman, and

Mike Blackburn, chief execu-

tive, will be keen for as many

people as possible to attend its

special meeting in a week's time at Sheffield Arena, where

they will be able to vote in

person. A spokeswoman for the society emphasised that all

members needed to vote. The

Sheffield Arena holds 11,000.

Monday February 24 is also

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## Currency strength may spark pressure to reduce base rate ing that sterling stays around current levels, base rates will

into favour in recent weeks, with the spread against German bunds down by about 20 basis points since the start of the year. This rerating of gilts probably has much further to go. We expect the gilt-bund spread to collapse to about 100 basis points by the year-end, from about 170 now.

If German yields maintain current levels, this process of yield convergence could bring long gilt yields well below 7 per cent late this year. On the more likely assumption that a modest recovery in German growth pushes up bund yields, convergence will probably happen via higher German yields rather than lower gilt yields.

Gilts are likely to benefit from two main factors. First, sterling's rise will cause inflation to sharply undershoot consensus expectations this year and in 1998. Second, an incoming Labour Government will probably take a cautious policy line, so confirming that UK political

isks are modest.
The consensus view is that underlying inflation will stay around 3 per cent this year and rise to about 3.5 per cent next year. However, unless sterling falls sharply, we susped that a collapse in import

prices will bring inflation below 2.5 per cent late this year and keep it around that mark in 1998.

Wage growth and profit margins are unlikely to rise sharply enough to offset the disinflationary impact of sterling's rise. Growth is modestly above trend, but the economy is not yet hitting capacity limits. In particular, the CBI survey of skilled labour shortages remains below its average level. The high level of job vacancies, which, on the surface, might imply that the jobs market is stretched, is significantly exaggerated by data revenues by cutting tax allow-problems stemming from the ances — notably Advance Cor-

same tax rates, and probably the same inflation target (this has yet to be officially con-firmed). Indeed, in its early stages, a Labour Government would probably be more willing to raise base rates to keep inflation low, if needed, than the current administration.

Similarly, Labour's desire to keep the option of joining EMU will mandate a tight fiscal stance. If new fiscal tightening is needed, for example to offset some slippage on public spending or to hasten the decline in the fiscal deficit, Labour has plenty of scope to mise

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ers Allowance Although the approach of a general election is raising the political heat, UK political risks are not significantly greater than those in other European countries. The risks of a hung parliament have faded as the previous improvement in the Conservatives' likely to get its desired base opinion poli ratings has rate hike before the election. opinion poll ratings has stalled. At the same time, Labour's proposed framework for macroeconomic policy is little different from the Conservatives' - same spending plans, stays low further out. Assum-

introduction of the Job Seek- poration Tax relief. The scale less than it was ten years ago when the Conservative and have significantly different aims for inflation, public finspending and tax in GDP.

Even so, a relatively modest

post-election rise, probably of 0.5 or 0.75 per cent, should be

enough to ensure that inflation

of UK political risks is much Labour parties seemed to ances, and the share of public The Bank of England is on-

Report that sterling might fall if base rates do not rise as much as markets price in-Recent events in Italy and Sweden offer a clear counterexample, with both countries experiencing a mix of a rising currency and lower bond yields. Indeed, in both Italy and Sweden, currency strength and low inflation eventually prompted the central banks to shift from rais-

ing rates to cutting them. If sterling rises much further, and approaches its old ERM central rate, the same could happen in the UK.

MICHAEL SAUNDERS Salomon Brothers



#### **Garnett loses** by a whisker

DARE to mention Virgin in the head office of Sea Containers ... First, Christopher Garnett, chief executive of Great North Eastern Railway, owned by the conglomerate, loses out to Richard Branson in the bidding for the plum InterCity West Coast rail franchise.

Next, Garnett is horribly delayed travelling back from Boston on one of the bearded one's brightly coloured planes and misses a crucial meeting with Scottish passenger representa-tives in Edinburgh. "Once is forgivable but twice is beginning to look like enemy action," snarls our man at Sea Containers.

#### On cloud nine

JOHN BENTLEY is celebrating in the skies after praing in the skies after announcing a marketing partnership with Acorn Computer Group. The smooth-talking CEO of ViewCall Europe is selling the idea of using your television, instead of your pc, to surf the internet. Not bad for someone who can't remember when he last watched TV. "I'm forever on long-haul flights," he says. "I spend so much time on the phone up there, they're thinking of naming a satellite after



Bentley: high-flyer

RAILTRACK shareholders will be delighted to hear of its philanthropic endeavours. To protect fores, rabbits, mice and hedgehogs, Railtrack has installed tailor-made subways under the Heathrow Express high-speed rail link. The tunnels vary in size and come with hiding places "to ensure that smaller animals are not eaten by larger ones as they pass through".

#### The late show THE two film producers

who last year raised £400,000 from the public to film a Thomas Hardy story are at it again. Dan-Figuero and Zygi Kamasa are on the lookout for 750 angels to cough up £1,000 each for their version of Oscar Wilde's An Ideal Husband. Sadly for anyone who wants a peek at The Scarlet Tunic before they put money into this year's venture, they will have to wait until the preview at the Cannes film festival — after the March 14 deadline for investors. This is for tax reasons, because people will want to invest any spare funds ahead of the new financial year, starting in April," Kamasa says.

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Charlie "Copperfingers" Vincent has consistently denied any wrongdoing and has promised the SFO every co-operation with its inquiries

## Struggle to get to the bottom of the copper scandal

o one will take a keener interest in the trial of Yasuo Hamanaka, once the uncrowned king of the world's copper markets, than our own Serious Fraud Office. In the dock of a Japanese court room today Mr Hamanaka, the former chief copper trader at Sumitomo, the Japanese trading conglomerate, will face charges of forging documents and fraud in relation to his global copper dealings that left his employers facing losses of about \$2.8 billion. Many of these trades were routed through

British and American broking houses. The evidence given by Mr Hamanaka will be pored over in minute detail by criminal and civil investigators in the UK and the United States. It will be the first time they have heard his side of the story. It was in June last year that Sumitomo made the shock announcement about its losses. Since then, however, in spite of visits to Japan by officials from the Securities and investments Board, the City's most senior watchdog, together with Andrew Jackson, the SFO lawyer heading the criminal investigation, and officers from the City of London raud squad, no one has had a chance to question the man at the centre of

The copper investigation is one of the largest and most complex of its kind ever undertaken and spans at least four jurisdictions - the UK, Japan, the US and Chile, where the affair began more than three years ago. Codelco, the Chilean state copper company, claimed that it had become the victim of a \$200 million fraud. Juan Pablo Davila, its former chief trader, is being held by the Chilean authorities. Some of Senor Davila's copper trades were executed by the Winchester Commodities Group, founded by Charlie "Copperfingers" Vincent and his less high-profile partner Ashley Levett, who owns Richmond Rugby Union Club. Both men have homes in the UK and Monte Carlo.

The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the UK watchdog for brokers and futures traders, began a lengthy investigation, headed by Alan King, one of the City's most experiYasuo Hamanaka, who goes on trial today, may

be the only one to face prosecution over the

Sumitomo affair. Robert Miller explains why

enced civil investigators, into the Winchester trades with Codelco. At its conclusion last year the SFA said that on the evidence it had to date no further action would be taken against Winchester or its directors, who are reputed to have earned £15 million in

The SFA investigation broadened because the Winchester name kept cropping up in connection with another company, Sumitomo. The trail then led to Guernsey and in May last year, the SIB, using its broader powers on behalf of the SFA, asked the Guernsey authorities to raid a number of offices in the offshore haven. The evidence seized was to have farreaching consequences, the effects of which are still rumbling on in the UK

Today the UK civil authorities. including the London Metal Exchange, which first flagged concerns about Mr Hamanaka and his coppertrades to Sumitomo and the Japanese authorities in 1991, as did the SIB, are still trying to piece together the deals done by Mr Hamanaka with UK firms. That task could take years because many trades were done through offshore centres — a perfectly legitimate tactic to throw rivals off the scent - and not through the London

The SFO, for its part, continues to



look for any evidence of fraud, or more probably a conspiracy to com-mit fraud, carried out in the UK turisdiction. If none is found, and that is certainly a possibility, then the fraud office could offer its evidence to any other country wanting to mount a prosecution in connection with the copper scandal. In August last year officers from the SPO, which formally began its copper inquiry last June, executed search warrants at the UK homes of Mr Vincent and Mr Levett, who have consistently denied any wrongdoing. Both have promised every co-operation with the fraud

office investigation. Documents seized in the Guernsey raid threw up a number of names besides those of the Winchester direc-tors and this led to another SFO raid being carried out last December on the offices of Kay Accounting, a small book-keeping and accountancy firm, based in Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Here, however, the SFO met an unexpected obstacle. Goldsmiths. Kay's law firm, successfully applied for an immediate injunction to stop the SFO downloading computer infor-mation until a judicial review hearing. The material was then ba secured pending the full court hearing. Kay Accounting argued that the SFO search warrant, which was looking for any information connected with the copper investigation, was too widely drawn and that the firm had 250 clients, many of whom had no link with copper but whose papers were nonetheless seized.

In an audacious and unprecedented move, Kay also personally accused. George Staple, the SFO director, and four of his senior colleagues of contempt of court for continuing to "download" computer-held material in spite of a court order to stop. Earlier this month two high court judges cleared the SFO executives of contempt, but the warrant was quashed:

Thus the SPO has been put on notice.

At the end of the day the Sumitomo copper investigation is so complex, spanning so many jurisdictions, it is entirely possible that Mr Hamanaka. who has indicated that he will plead guilty to certain charges, may be the only person to be prosecuted.

## A new way to start your day

The Mark Raddiffe Breakdast Show. Radio 1, 7.00am.

Life after Chris Evans begins today with Raddiffe moved from late nights to early mornings and charged with the huge task of trying to hold the 700,000 or so audience increase that Evans brought about. Raddiffe will broadcast from his native Manchester and, interestingly, the start time remains 7am: one of the sops to Evans during his reign was moving the start back from tam. Other schedule changes from today include Mary Anne Hobbs taking over Raddiffe's former show at 10.30pm, Kevin Greening moving from weekends to the daily drivetime slot at 4pm and Andy Kershaw being given the evening show at 8.30pm. But Raddiffe's slot is the key audience-builder.

You Is What You Eats. Radio 3, 9-20pm.

Almost all developed countries are involved in a guerre de cuisine in which universal instes imposed by multinational outlets threaten to destroy regional dishes and expunge the variety from our diets. Britain is a prime example and France is heading the same way but the United States is the country where uniformity is most in evidence. Not that its regions are giving up without a fight. In this series of five programmes Rossell Davies travels from North Carolina to Texas and finds a rich variety of food, cooking styles and indeed arguments. Even the barbeque is a battlefield, with heated debate on everything from saucts to the right type of wood.

Peter Barnard

7,00mm Mark Raddiffe. See Choice 9,00 Simon Mayo 12,00 Jo Whiley 2,00pm Nicley Campbell 4,00 Kevin Greening 8,15 Newsbeat 6,30 Evening Seesion 8,30 Andy Kershew 10,30 Mary Ann Hobbs 1,00mm Claire Sturges 4,00 Citye Werren

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8.00mm Sereh Kennedy 7.30 Weks Up To Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Hobinson 1.30pm Debbis Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewert 8.05 John Dunn 7.00 Steve Wright at the Movies 7.30 Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days 8.30 Big Bend Special 9.00 Humphrey Littleton 10.00 Radio Days. The BBC Big Band recreates tamous American dence band Lester, Includes Pause for Thought

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#### TALK RADIO

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#### CLASSIC FM

4.00ern Mark Criffiths 6.00 Miles Read 9.00 Heirry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto. Beethoven (Violar Concerto in D major, Op 11) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Novemight 7.30 Sonafa. Boocherini (Calo Sonafa in A major) 8.00 Evening Concert. Germen (Three Denoes from Nell Gwyns); Allegri (Milesene mel); Valentini (Concerto in A minor, Cir. 7 No. 11); Consil Concerto minor, Op 7 No 11); Coreli (Concern Grosso No 10 in C) 10.06 Michael Mappin 1.00em Mai Cooper

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Concerto in (3)
Morning Collection.
Includes Weber (Overture;
Der Freischütz); Chopin (Two
Noctumes, Op 48)
Musical Encounters, with

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mary Maer. Includes Mozart (Divertiments in D); Caplet (Septet for Three Voices and String Quartet).

12.00 Composer of the Week: Pitzner

1.00pm Noves: BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, Borodin Quartet perform Schubert (String Quartet in D minor); Stravinsky (Three Pieces).

2.00 From the Pronts. Another chance to hear the New York.

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Philharmonic under Kurt
Messur. Strauss (178
Eulenspiel): Tchellowsky
(Symphony No 5 in E minor)
3.45 Volces ()
4.30 Housic Machine ()

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Music: Falvenheit 451)
7.30 Singing the Century. Live from St. John's, Smith Square soprano, Stravinsky (Ragtime); Szymanows (Songs of a Fairy-tale . Princess); Milhaud (La creation du monde) 8.10 Postmark: The State of the Art 8.30 Concert part 2. Vivier

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10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Women's Hour
11.30 Money Box Live; 0171-580
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12.00 News; You and Yours (FM)
12.25pm Counterpoint; Weather
1,00 The World at One
1,40 The Archers (FM) (f)
2.00 News; Sisters, by Tina Pepler. Domestic drama starring Haydn Geynne and Sarah Jane Holm
3.00 The Afternoon Shift

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#### CHRONOLOGY OF THE SUPPLEMENT □ JUNE 20: Sumitomo says stricting daily backwardation DJUNE & Price crashes

□ NOVEMBER 1991: The International Wrought Cop-per Council (IWCC), representing the industry, asks the London Metal Exchange to investigate distortions in the market. LME stocks are at seven-year highs of 315,000 tonnes, but prices are also rising. David Threlkeld, president of David L. Threlkeld and Co. asks the LME to investigate a letter in which Hamanaka asked him to confirm fictitious trades. The LME informs the Securities and Investments Board, US authorities are also informed.

☐ SEPTEMBER 1993: LME follows up two public warnings on copper by re-

to \$5 a tonne "in anticipation of the development of an undesirable situation". squeeze was attributed by traders to a futures and options strategy by Sumitomo. It denies any attempt at

manipulation. DAPRIL 1995 IME opens copper warehouses in the United States. By December stocks will soar above 61,000 tonnes, again largely controlled by Sumitomo.

☐ NOVEMBER 1995: IWCC again voices concern. LME investigates. David King, chief executive, seeks information on client positions and

regulators start an investigation of the market. Prices fall by some \$250 per tonne. America's Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) contacts the SIB.

☐ MAY 17, 1996: Rumours circulate that Hamanaka has moved from his post. ☐ MAY 20: Copper prices fall

to \$2,370 from above \$2,600 the previous day. Sumitomo says Hamanaka has been moted to another post. Five million tornes of copper deared during May 17-20

□JUNE 5: Sumitomo finds evidence of unauthorised trading, it later discloses.

from \$2.378 to \$1.880 with more than one million tonnes of copper cleared during early DJUNE II: New rumours say Hamanaka has resigned.

Price falls \$200 a tonne. Sumitomo denies rumour the next day. ☐ JUNE 12: IWCC writes to

the LME, expressing concern over market volatility. LME announces that it shares the concerns and confirms it has been in contact with regulators.

DJUNE 13: Sumitomo rep orts \$1.8 billion loss on unauthorised copper trades and says it has sacked Hamanaka.

losses caused by Hamanaka could leave it up to 150 billion yen (\$1.38 billion) in the red. D SEPTEMBER 19: Sumitomo says losses have grown to \$2.6 billion. The company is to seek criminal charges against Hamanaka.

OCTOBER 22: Hamanaka is arrested in Japan after mitomo files a complaint that he forged documents authorising copper trades. DNOVEMBER 13: Hamanaka is served with second arrest warrant accusing him of fraud, a more serious charge than forgery. ☐ FEBRUARY 17, 1997: Hamanaka's trial begins.

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# Final rib-ticklers from the Saxon joke-book

t is a long time since I read Ivanhoe, so I have forgonen. Does Queen Eleanor really call her sons a pair of coddled-brain ninnies" and go on to describe Prince John as a "miserable little runt? I suppose she must. It's not the sort of thing that even a television adapter would make up - is it?

But accurate or otherwise, Queen Eleanor's windswept admonishment of her sons was just one of several scenes that sent the final episode of Ivanhoe (BBCI) teetering close to farce and its audience to bed nursing a vague feeling of "is that it?"

"We've sung three masses for his soul aiready," mouned one tired and emotional monk to another as Athelstane's very considerable body lay in state. Well, he was a terrible sinner." Boom, boom. Then Athelstane woke up.

"Mother," he cried as he stumbled

into his own wake. His mother did

tevived son to do his impersonation of Hymen. Of course Rowena must still marry Ivanhoe, he said with a saintly smile - and by the way, he didn't waint to be king much, either. Two sub-plots down: on with the ending. But not before Deborah Cook, Ivanhoe's adapter. and Stuart Orme, the director, had conspired again for easy laughs. "I am not with child ... said Rowena, finishing her sentence with a non-pregnant pause. "Give it time," replied her maid, "he's been injured." Boom, boom.

Now there is long Shakespear-ean tradition of delivering a line to maximise its modern comic meaning, and once or twice might have been fine. But Cook's version of Walter Scott's novel has been liberally littered with them, keep-

sunday-night audience but dething horribly hairy wrapped in a burial shroud, and lainted, leaving plenty of room for her have san Lynch as Bois-Guilbert and Rebecca, for instance, were acting their tabards off trying to make religious bigotry and repentive dialogue look interesting. "Come with me," "No." Sub-plot three But as our hapless hero was

condemned to spend the final episode transferring his affections at Scott's will (Rebecca's dead, 111 marry Rowena - oops, no she isn't, better go and fight for her immortal soul), there were fine performances to look back on elsewhere, particularly Ralph Brown's wonderfully weasely Prince John. Peter Guinness's scheming Montflichet and David Horovitch as Isaac of York. As for Christopher Lee, well, no one sends virgins to the stake quite like REVIEW



him, do they? "Your shift will burn first, of course," he purred, as Rebecca shivered in the special nightie they keep for television witches, and then all men will gaze upon the fleshly shape that Lucifer has given you for their seduction." You could see why they'd made him Grand Master.

A turkey, they say, is for Christ-mas. Certainly not for life and

in Lent, when no one was drinking the quantities needed to make Gobble (BBC), Saturday) funny.

Ian Hislop and Nick Newman's comedy was postponed from Christmas because an outbreak of E. Coli poisoning suddenly made it unfunny. But this, alas, was not a seasonal thing. Gobble just wasn't funny.
As intended sadire, its content

was too close to the intended target for there to be any room left for comedy. If beef can kill you, what's so funny about turkey proving similarly lethal, especially when that premise is backed up by a flimsy script called fif that's the right word) from newspaper headlines?

Humour had not deserted Histop and Newman emirely and there were some nice moments, the best of them at the expense of longstanding Hislop targets such as tearful luvvies (stars of stage and

screen holding a midnight vigil for turkeys) and Hello! magazine (Arthur Hedley gives us a four of his delightful slaughtering facilities). But if the overall assembly jarred and proved at least half an hour too long, it was one or two lines that really made you wince. The first victim was 99 years old. "Just missed out on her telegram from the Queen," joked the pathologist. Bet that had them rolling in the aisles in the care homes and

day centres of central Scotland. But just when you're ready to give up on the BBC drama department altogether, along comes something like Silent Witness (BBC1, Friday) and you're duty bound to give it a second chance. It seemed like years since I had seen a police series that upened with several scenes that made no sense at all. Time was when all police dramas used to start like that, but not any more -

too worried we'll switch over in search of something easier. So what a treat it was to experience that long-forgotten feeling of wanting to know more. Who had run over the ageing boxing trainer? Why were those two men having a bare-knuckle prizefight in an industrial skip? What was Amanda Burton doing with a bruised brain in her hands?

The grisly postmortem scenes still smack of gimmicky excess. and this opening instalment had rather too many new characters explaining the absence of characters from series one (basically dead, left him or travelling the world) than is ideal, but it was still one of most polished bits of drama the BBC has put out this year. By the end John Milne, its writer, had revealed the answer to several questions but nothing like enough to make it worth missing part two. And goodness, I can't remember when I last wrote that.

#### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (54807) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (87825) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (8691543) 9.20 Style Challenge (1321982)

9.45 Kilroy (6696746) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (48475) 11.00 News (T) and weather (6272949) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (3245098) 11.35 Change That (5157727) 12.00 News (1) and weather (6274475)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5850543) 12.30 Going for a Song (7141578) 12.55 The Weather Show (34258524) 1.00 News (T) and weather (17302) 1,30 Regional News (98182307)

1.40 Neighbours (T) (20751098) 2.05 FiLM: Hi Honey, I'm Dead (1991) with Curtis Arristrong, Catherine Hicks and Kevin Conroy, A less-then-honest businessman is given the chance-to redeem his past life. Directed by Alan Myerson (T) (5027122)

3.30 Playdays (1560388) 3.50 Pingu (2685949) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (7357253) 4.10 Gadget Boy (9657582) 4.35 Record Breakers Gold (1) (6158456) 5.00 Newsound (1) (7015524) 5.10 Blue Reter (1) (130508) Peter (T) (1305098)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (342611) 8.00 News (T) and weather (494) 6.30 Newsroom South East (746) 7.00 This is Your Life (1) (1494)

7.30 Here and Now New series of the news magazine (T) (630) 8.00 EastEnders Phil sets out for the rehabilitation clinic (1) (7614)

8.30 The Brittas Empire An investigative journalist plans to make an expose documentary on the centre (T) (6949) ... 9.00 News (7) and weather (8901) .

9.30 Panorana: The Copper Ring A report on the trial of Yasuo Hamanaka, a copper dealer who lost his company billions (1)

10.10 Ruby Wax Meets Ruby talks to Bill Cosby and Fran Drescher, star of the new sitcom The Nenny (T) (496611).

10.40 Imran's Final Test -- An Everyment Special A look at the life of Imran Khan, (970098) WALES: 10.40 The Slate 11.20 A Parent's Guide. New series investi-gating the relationship between teachers, parents and pupils 11.35 Film 97. 12.05em Imrari's Final Test 12.45 Welsh Questions 1.20 FILM: Cry Freedom

11.20 Film 97 with Barry Norman Includes Michael, with John Travolta and comicstrip adaptation. The Phantom, with Billy Zane, and Illeans Douglas and Matt Dillon in Grace of My Heart (T) (473765) 11.50 FILM: Cry Freedom (1987) with Kevin Kline, Denzel Washington, John Thaw, Timothy West and Penelope Wilton. Con-

based drama about the crusading South gation into the murder of the black activist Steve Eliko, and his subsequent persecution by the authorities. (T) (608104) 1.20am-1.25 Weather (7325876)

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#### BBC2 6.00cm Open University: History: What is its Future? (5555901) 6.25 Simple Beginnings? (6574036) 6.50 A guide to the English Language (5534982) 7.15 the English Langua News (1) (6628388)

7.30 Secret Squirrel and Co (1527982) 7.55 Size Peter (t) (7121727) 8.20 Pingu (t) (9669340) 8.25 Helry Jeremy (t) (1404727) 8.35 Lassie (t) (9037659)

9.00 TV6 (40833) 9.30 Pathways of Beliat (3989388) 9.45 Technology Starters (3977543) 10.00 Playdays (65727) 10.30 Landmarks (4267659) 10.50 Look and Read (4270123) 11.10 Zig Zag (2270765) 11.30 Ghostwriter (7036) 12.00 Testament: The Bible in Animation

(37369) 12.30pm Working Lunch (57611)

1.00 History File (15877475) 1.20 German Globo (98444901) 1.25 Landmerks (15856982) 1.45 Storytime (98169456) 2.00 Plagu (r) (35965833) 2.05 Hairy Jeremy (r) (35964104)

2.10 FILM: The Shanghal Gesture (1941, b/w) with Gene Tierney, Walter Houston and Victor Metura, Thriller about passion and revenge. Directed by Josef von

3.55 News (1) and weather (2675562) 4.00 Today's the Day (658) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (543) 5.00 Esther (9272) 5.30 Westminster with Nick Ross (123) 6.00 Space Precinct (842524) 6.45 People's Century: 1989 - People Power Charting the fall of the Eastern

bloc (r) (T) (388036) 7.40 The Laurence Olivier Awards 1997 Thespians will be out in force to congratulate each other. Among the contenders for honours are Smokey Joe's Cale, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, Jesus Christ Supersiar, Tommy and Martin Guerra, Presented by Clive Anderson (831 185)



there of the People Two-part drama tracing the site of the surgeon Norman Sethune, who was revered by the Chinese people for more than 50 years. With Donald Sutherland and Helen Mirrer (T) (6789497)

10.20 Close Up Director Hanif Kureishi recalls a moment from the Beatles' A Hard Day's Night and Teresa Gormen talks about Mal Brooks's The Producers (156123) 10.30 Newsright with Peter Snow (T) (697253)

11.15 The Net (922611) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (38012)

12.30am Learning Zone: Approaching Literature 1.30 Understanding Music (35586) 2.00 Nightschool: Go For Iti (83073) 4.00 Italie 2000 (71963) 4.30 Science Master Classes (45012) 5.00 Science Mester Classes (79944) 5.30-5.59 RCN Nursing Update (39741)

#### CHOICE Here and Now

BBC1, 7.30pm

The current affairs magazine returns with Sue Lawley again heading a team of reporters bringing stories from around Britain. As before there is a mix of items, serious as well the lighthearted. One of tonight's reports, on a gun club for children set up in the wake of the Dunblane tragedy, falls clearly into the first category. Here are youngsters from the age of eight being instructed on how to fire real bullets. Insensitive and potentially dangerous, or chizens exercising their freedom to choose? The reporter. Steve Armett, carefully presents both sides of the argument. Lawley's own report has more of a campaigning flavour. It leatures a British Army sergeant who lost a leg in Bosnia and is challenging rules which do not allow him to claim compensation.

Hero of the People

A two-part mini-series made in the United States with a Canadian lead, a partly British cast and a distinguished French cameraman, tells the story of Dr Norman Bethune and his adventures with Mao's Chinese Communist army during the late 1930s. The commutar army outing the size 1950s. The narrative follows the style of those old Hollywood biopies in which we meet the hero at the the height of his career and learn through flashbacks how he got there. The film does its best to portray Bethune (who is played by Donald Sutherland) as a brilliant doctor and a dreadful man. He is rude, selfcentred, drinks too much and behaves appallingly to his wife (Helen Mirren). Against that, he battles tirelessly to bring his medical expertise to the disposs Coutard's camerawork is far less flamboyant than when he worked for Godard and Truffaut during the French New Wave.

Cutting Edge: Health Farm Channel 4, 9.00pm

Henlow Grange, as the commentary wittly pots it, is where the overwrought and overweight come to whittle away their worries and their waistlines. Stephen Finnigan's engaging film features five of them, chosen, as in all good documentaries. for variety and contrast. Andrea is a young career woman, trying, not very convincingly, to escape the yranny of the fax and the overweight. Mary has come to be pampered. Janet is trying to erase an emotional upset. and Lisa, i8, is led up with being teased for being fat. Outsiders may feel that Henlow Grange, which charges up to £300 a night, is an expensive way of shedding a few pounds. But the customers seem to enjoy it, apart from Mary, who has not a good word to say for the place. The high turnover in restaurant managers forms a diverting subplot.

Channel 4, Midnight Somehow you do not expect a series about unusual passions to take place in a studio, or to go out so late or to have only one subject taking up the whole hour. But For the Low Of ... is an unusual show. The topic for tonight is, wait for it, radio masts. Sitting on sofas around Jon Ronson, a somewhar languid chairman, are two bufts and three figures from the industry. All are men. Female mast enthusiasts are apparently unknown. The irony is that a topic whi cries out for illustration hardly gets any, apart from a few photographs. We might just as well be on radio. But it is a lively chat, with the mast builders recalling great feats and colourful characters and a young spotter called David telling how he once visited 43 transmission masts in one day, travelling 700 miles to get to them. Peter Waymark

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9,55 Regional News (1) (5314765) 10.00 The Time, the Place (52253) 10.30 This Morning (T) (33667524) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (6270659. 12.30 Names (T) weather (7136746)

12.55 High Road (T) (7144765) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (15874385) 1.50 Morder, She Wrote (3159920) 2.40 Savarman (r) (4176369)

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(9063624) 3.50 Goofy (7383676) 4.05 Sooty's Amazing Adventures (2334385) 4.10 Gogglewatch: Gags of Goggles (T) (9642630) 4.35 Art Attack (T) (6162272) 4.55 Gogglewatch: Gags of Goggles (T) 5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (T) (7615901) 5.40 Nave (T) and weather (525017)

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his family visit Walt Disney World in Florida, Judith Chalmers joins a family on their first villa holiday in Lanzarote and Tris Payme heads for Someset (T) (6562) 7.20 Coronation Street Tricia's new baby causes her arreiety (T) (758) 8.00 World in Action Car airbags have been

helled as a great safety innovation in Britain, but in America they have been linked with a large number of deaths. Alex Holmes unravels the facts (1) (2982) 8.30 Blues and Twos Cameras follow the crew of the Leicestershire Fire and



9.00 McCallum McCallum is helpless as his symptoms worsen and his termentor seems to be waiting to play the tinal, chilling act. Last in series (T) (4681) 10.30 Regional News (T) (412681) 10,40 Nash Bridges (T) (189659) 11.35 Mainly Men John Leslie presents the

magazine for men — with women in mind (424659) 12.05 am Box Office America Reviewing the top ten cinema films in the USA (1439012)

12.35 Football Extra (8836470) 1.20 War of the Worlds (6773073) 2.15 Stand and Deliver (776321) 3.15 Club Nation (r) (772505) 4.15 Sound Bites (88008234) 4,30 World in Action (r) (T) (99968)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (66470)

#### CENTRAL

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2.25 Breakmays (30673949) 2.50-3.20 High Road (5665272) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7615901) 6.25-7.00 Central News (756388) 11.35 New York News (399369) 12.30am Football Extra (8844499) 1.15 Stand and Deliver (2781470)

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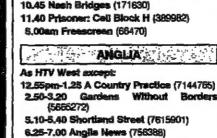
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mentary-style drama. Directed by Terence Young (78096746) 3,30 Collectors' Lat (T) (920) 4.00 Fifteen-to-

One (T) (727) 4.30 Countdown (T) (611) 5.00 The Mortel Williams Show (T) (4340) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (291) 6.00 Moviewatch Johnny Vaughan meets

6,30 Hollyoeks Teen soap (T) (456) 7,00 Channel 4 News (T) (147901)

7,55 The People's Agenda (184901) 8.00 The Seven Wonders of the World: Simply the Best The historian John Romer explores the legend of the Colossus of Rhodes and the Statue of Zeus at Olympia (r) (T) (8017)



Stuart Millar takes the plunge (9pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge A look at Henlow Grange, one of Britam's exclusive health terms (T) (8253) 1**0.00 Dark Skies** John and Kimberly guestia a farmer about the strange deaths among

his herd (T) (1340) 11.00 NBA Raw Action from the match between Seattle SuperSonics and Los Angeles Lakers (16949)

12.00 For the Love Of First in a six-part series featuring ordinary people with extraordinary hobbies, presented by Jon Ronson, Beginning with five men who are obsessed with radio transmission (1/6) (T) (88692)

1,00em Animal Nights Introduction (r) (T)

1.01 Animal Squad Undercover: Dangerous Dogs (t) (T) (55437)

2.00 Fierce and Gentie Creatures Docu-mentary about animal conservation at Jersey Zoo. Namated by John Classe (r)

3.03 Lost Animals (92745944) 3.05 Sexual Imperative: The Sexual Contract (r) (T) (3899673) 4.08 Lost Animals (42404321) 4.10 Animal Traffic The illegal trade in

crocodile skins (r) (T) (5828128) 5.05 The Grampian Sheepdog Trials Juniors and seniors compete in Aberdeenshire (r) (3118505) 5.30 Backdate (64437)

#### SATELLITE AND CABLE

## listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory,

8.00am Morring Glory (441123) 8.00 Regis and Kathie Lee (78388) 10.00 Another World (37456) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (48.00) 12.00 The Open Wintery Show (2578) 1.00pm Genetic (48756) 2.00 Stay Reprisel (35758) 3.00 Jenny Jones (66104) 4.00 The Open Wintery Show (28659) 5.00 Stay Trek: The Next Generation (5511) 6.00 Real TV (1901) 6.30 Membed — with Children (2253) 7.00 The Simpsons (6340) 7.30 MrA\*S\*H (1765) 8.00 Nepoleon and Josephine: A Love Story (42777) (63-10) 7-80 M\*A\*5\*H (1765) 8-90 Nepo-leon and Josephine: A Love Story (42727) 10.00 Neah Bridges (54582) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (38185) 12.00 LAPD (78654) 12.30mm The Lucy Show (62605) 1.00 Hz Mic Long Play (6032708)

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Oliver Platt and his team in The Infiltrator (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

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6.00mm Krypton Factor (7479366) 6.30 Once Upon a Time (80774920) 6.45 Our Backyard (41526098) 7.00 Allsorts (798982) 7.15 Once Upon a Time (4840745) 7.30 Children's Went (8830727) (4940745) 7.30 Children's Ward (5930727) 8.00 Classic Coronation Street 2538543] 8.00 The Professorals (1974874) 10.00 Pieces Sri (8621814) 10.30 No Homesty (2657678) 11.00 Within These Walls (3949475) 12.00 Classic Coronation Street (2631630) 12.30 pm Families (4463843) 1.00 Clown Court (3943287) 1.30 Krypton Facian (5918384) 2.00 A Family at War (862545) 3.00 Adventures of Sharlock Hohmes (2073823) 4.00 Doctor Sense: In Charge 2 (9138036) 4.30 Pieces Sri (9127920) 5.00 The Professorals (91157920) 5.00 The Professorals (91157930) 6.30 Families (9139795) 7.00 Doctor Saries: In Charge 5 Corristion Street (8115768) HJB / Farmans (5139785) 7.00 Doctor Saries: In Charge 2 (815830) 7.30 No Honostly (8135849) 8.00 Acheritate of Sharibos Hotmas (1913272, 8.00 Oleanic, Corporation Street (5026494) 9.35 Good Life Guide (4837746) 10.00-11.00 Title Professionals (1836123)

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Biography: Diene. Out on her Own 13740291) 5.06. History Alive (4586104) 6.00 Our Commy (2222765) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Warfords: Georgins Kitan. Testor and Conquest (1393240)

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## Demerged British Gas welcomes dawn of a new era

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND MICHAEL CLARK

BRITISH GAS splits itself into two this morning as official trading begins in BG. the renamed old British Gas shares, and Centrica, the demerged gas supply

Around 1.7 million small shareholders will receive one new Centrica share for each British Gas share they currently hold. They will be able to trade today even if they have not yet received their new certificate. The 1.7 million are the surviving band of "Sids" from the 4.5 million small private shareholders who were allocated

stock in the 1986 privatisation, publicised by the "Tell Sid" advertising campaign. Shareholders already have some idea of how the market rates their stock from last week's dealings on the grey market. Shares in Centrica began trading last week at a surprisingly high 60p before rising further to close at 75'zp on Friday.

Shares in BG, which is made up of TransCo, the pipeline business, oil and gas exploration and production (although not the giant Morecambe Bay gasfield, which has gone in to Centrica), ended the week at 1702 p. The market had initially expected a value of 150p, although estimates range up to 220p. Added

Market interest and bid rumours suggest

bright start for shares of supply business

The rise in Centrica shares suggested intense market interest and sparked rumours of a bid, remarkable given the £1 billion to £2 billion losses expected to be caused by problems from take-or-pay gas contracts. Centrica has unfortunately

together, the demerged BG and Centrica shares were worth 246p on Friday, almost matching the 2472 p at which the old British Gas shares ended life.

The demerged BG and Centrica inherited British Gas's expensive take-or-pay obligations to buy gas at a fixed price even when it can only sell the gas on at a much lower price.

Centrica's fortunes in the gas supply business depend on how effectively it can move into the competitive market. The old British Gas lost its industrial customers in large numbers, and it is hampered in the steadily unfolding domestic competitive market by not being able to offer competitive tariffs. It is in talks with the regulator to introduce a fresh range of charges for competitive areas.

Nonetheless Centrica could still be a prime bid candidate for an oil company looking to enter the domestic market.

Arthur Hepa at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, said: "Centrica has already said it will not be paying a dividend and, whatever the outcome, BG will be forced to cut its dividend before too long. There is likely to be appeared to any any or is likely to be some confusion among private investors, but hopefully, most investors who wanted to get out of British

Gas have already done so." ADRIAN SHERRAT

Centrica's launch onto the stock market will be followed on Friday by The Energy will be followed on Friday by The Energy Group's first steps to independence from Hanson. An extraordinary meeting will ask shareholders of Hanson, which has been progressively splitting itself into four companies, to sanction the spin-off of The Energy Group, which comprises Eastern Electricity and Peabody Coal of the US. With approval, The Energy Group will start trading on Monday. For Eastern, the

start trading on Monday. For Eastern, the United Kingdom's largest regional electricity company, the move will be a return to the stock market after nearly two years' absence after the purchase by Hanson in

Deal 'worth £625bn in global trade'

## Telecoms pact signals end of monopolies

AN international agreement to deregulate telecommunications markets could add \$1 trillion (£625 billion), or 4 per cent, to the value of global economic output over the next decade, according to the World Trade Organisation.

The pact, signed by 68 countries at the weekend, will end most major government and private monopolies and comes after three years of complex inter-governmental negotiations.
The most immediate benefit

will be to international investors, who are guaranteed that, from 1998 when the agreement comes into force, changes in national governments will not result in changed telecommunications regulations.

But consumers should be the ultimate beneficiaries. The World Trade Organisation, which supervised the Geneva negotiations, predicted the agreement would result in the creation of thousands of jobs and reduce phone costs.

Renato Ruggiero, directorgeneral of the WTO, said: "This is good news for the international economy, it is good news for businesses, and it is good news for the ordinary people around the world who use telephones or who want to use them."

The agreement does not consist of a single treaty signed by all participants. Instead, the 68 countries submitted individual offers of how they propose to deregulate their own markets. A deal was struck when all offers were accepted by all participating governments. Britain and other EU countries were

represented by Brussels. Negotiations went right to the wire when the United States held out until the Saturday night deadline to get leant hard on Canada and Japan to allow a higher level

A breakthrough in the dying hours secured the first agreement that puts one of the world's major service industries almost fully under the open-trade rules of the two-

The United States had been under considerable pressure not to walk away from a deal for a second time after a failed attempt last April. American telecommunications companies had also lobbied for the

A separate accord to remove tariffs on individual media products, reached at the WTO's first ministerial meeting in Singapore in December, is to be finalised next month.

For most companies around the world, telecommunications costs come only second to labour costs on the debit side of their balance sheets, econo-Ian Taylor, the Science and

Geneva that the landmark pact would open up most of the world's £375 billion telecommunications market. "Some analysts have predicted a further one-trillion-dollar additional world trade over the next ten to 15 years, £20 billion worth in telecoms for

Britain, along with the other 14 EU countries, the second-biggest global market with a 28.3 per cent share, committed itself to completing the liberal-isation of basic telecommunications services, including satellite networks and all mobile and personal communica-

the UK alone," the minister

tions services, by 2003. America, the world leader. committed itself to open markets essentially for all services for all market segments local, long-distance and international - and unrestricted access to common carrier that are indirectly foreign-

Charlene Barshelsky, the US trade representative, said: A 60-year tradition of telecommunications monopolies and closed markets has been replaced by market opening. deregulation and competition. Before this agreement, only 17 per cent of the top 20 telecom markets were open to US companies; now they have access to nearly 100 per cent of these markets."



Roy Franklin, managing director of Clyde, predicts a bright future without Gulf

## Clyde bid heads for nail-biting finish

battle for Clyde Petroleum is heading for a close finish tomorrow lunchtime when the deadline for shareholders to accept the 120p a share cash bid from Gulf Canada Re-

One adviser said: "We will be biting our nails right up to the deadline." Gulf Canada has a stake of 29 per cent in Clyde after buying up the 14.9 per cent stake held by PDFM. the fund management group. The outcome could depend on Schroders, the investment

THE fierce £500 million bid house, which holds 19.5 per cent. Although it is reputedly sticking with the Clyde management, it has declined pub-lic comment, leading some observers to deduce that it may not necessarily have ruled out casting its vote for

Gulf Clyde's shares closed at 117p on Friday, indicating the be-lief that a white knight bidder is unlikely to emerge. But Roy Franklin, Clyde managing director, said: Those who support Clyde will see a very bright future."

#### Shorts to create more than 1,000 jobs

IN A spectacular boost to the

By OLIVER AUGUST

economy in Northern Ireland. Shorts, the aircraft builder, is expected to create more than 1,000 jobs in Belfast this week. A source close to the company said the job losses result-ing from the collapse of

Fokker, the Dutch group, last year will be more than offset. He said: "This will be a huge step forward for the company and a pretty rare bit of good news for the region." The official announcement will be made on Wednesday. The jobs are the result of

new work on the 70-seat Canadair Regional Jet (RJ-X), commissioned by Bombar-dier; parent company of Shorts. The RJ-X is a stretched version of the 50-seat Regional Jet. Shorts will manufacture parts of the wings, the fuselage

bardier programme in which Shorts is playing a major role. The new programme is particularly welcome after the loss of 1,000 jobs following the collapse of Fokker, which provided the company with 25 per cent of its aircraft work.

Bombardier estimates demand of 2,000 for this type of aircraft over the next ten to 15 years and hopes to capture 20 per cent of the market.

## Copper trader accused over \$2.6bn losses goes on trial

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

YASUO HAMANAKA, the alleged mastermind of the biggest financial swindle in history, goes on trial at the . Tokyo District Court today . to answer charges of forging documents and fraud.

If convicted on all counts, Mr Hamanaka, formerly chief copper trader for the Sumitomo Corporation, could be sentenced to as

much as 15 years in prison. Sumitomo claims that its former employee amassed losses of \$2.6 billion through unauthorised copper trades, mainly on the London Metal Exchange, over about ten years. Before he was sacked last June after 26 years with Sumitomo, Mr Hamanaka was known variously as Mr Copper and Mr Five Per Cent because of his powerful influence in international copper markets.

He was arrested last October after Sumitomo filed a former employee forged documents that allowed him to open trading accounts. Mr Hamanaka was charged with forgery in November, and indicted the following month for the more serious offence of fraud.

Sumitomo alleged that in 1994 Mr Hamanaka raised \$770 million through Sumitomo's Hong Kong subsidiary on the false pretext of purchasing copper warrants and used the money to cover his losses on

unauthorised deals. The trading house said the funds had been repaid to the Hong Kong unit with profits from other off-the-books trades, and that all the transfrom the company. Sumitomo has repeatedly

said Mr Hamanaka was acting without his superiors knowledge, and that none of its top executives knew about the losses he was running up. It is uncertain what light, if any, the trial will shed on how

one man was able to amass such huge losses through sus-pect trading that went unnoticed for so long. The former

Investigators' struggle.

copper trader has admitted forgery, but lawyers for the defence will not say how he will plead to the charge of

Mr Hamanaka, a quiet family man whose modest lifestyle belied his formidable reputation in world copper markets, is being held in Tokyo Detention Centre where he is said to be bearing up well.

Friends say that they find the "rogue trader" image hard to swallow, and say that if he erred, it was because he considered it to be for the sake of the company. By the accounts of those who know him, Mr tious and loyal employee.

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## Windfall for directors in £900m Eversholt sale

BY MARTIN BARROW

EVERSHOLT, the privatised train leasing firm, is expected to be sold for around £900 million this week. The deal will secure a huge profit for the City investors and former British Rail managers who paid just £580 million for the business one year ago.

The transaction will make multi-millionaires of Eversholt's senior directors, who are expected to share a windfall of up £60 million. They include Andrew Jukes, managing director, who could receive up to £20 million, after an original investment of £110,000. Colin Habgood, finance di-

rector, and Roger Aylward, engineering director, will each

receive between £10 million

and £15 million. Peter Harper,

non-executive chairman, is in

line for £4 million. Some 90

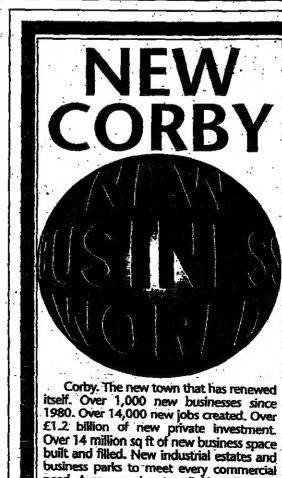
lion each. Other institutions, per cent of Eversholt's 70 manincluding BZW. Gartmore and Advent, stand to make agers and staff, including the directors, own 15 per cent of it. more than £150 million each. The main City backers, Candover and Electra Fleming, Eversholt's buyer is thought could make profits of £165 milto be Forward Trust, leasing arm of Midland Bank. Talks continued at the weekend. . The sale will revive dispute over prices secured by the

Government in privatising British Rail. Last year, Porterbrook, another train leasing company, was sold to Stage-coach, the bus group, for £825 million, a £300 million gain in seven months. Sandy Anderson. Porterbrook managing director, made £33 million. ☐ National Express has been chosen to run Central Trains, its lifth rail franchise. Central is focused on urban populations and commuter journeys in and around Birmingham.

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The RJ-X is the sixth Bom-

This week could also see a Ministry of Defence announcement on the procurement of the Future Large Aircraft (FLA) manufactured by Airbus, the consortium that includes British Aerospace, An MoD spokesman said: "A decision will be announced



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